

Snow tonight; Friday fair;
not much change in tem-
perature; northerly winds.

ESTABLISHED 1878

LOWELL MASS. THURSDAY JANUARY 3 1918

6
O'CLOCK

PRICE ONE CENT

M'CALL INAUGURATED Russia to Resume Fighting 196,000 TONS OF COAL FOR THIRD TERM If Germany Declines to Meet Demands FOR NEW ENGLAND

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The governors of all of the New England states attended the inauguration of Governor McCall for a third term today. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a distinguished company, including army and navy officers and citizens, the governor went to Providence to attend a reception by the "Town Criers" association to Governor

Beckman of Rhode Island. While at Providence they planned to discuss a number of matters of general interest to New England.

Gov. McCall's Address

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Gov. Samuel W. McCall in his address to the legislature today upon his inauguration for a third term, said that the United States

would be allowed to keep their display signs illuminated for an hour or so before the performance, as had been the custom in the larger cities when the lighting reduction orders first went into effect. The official replied that the first order of the fuel administrator in regard to the curtailment of display illumination had been superseded by the one quoted above which curtails all lighting except that which is absolutely necessary for safety.

The majority of Lowell's large downtown stores are closed on Thursday evening, but it has been the custom almost universally to keep the window displays illuminated. If the merchants are to carry out the government order this evening, however, the windows will be in practical darkness with just enough light inside the stores to allow people to see that everything is what it should be in the "still hours of the night."

The next "lightless night" will be observed Sunday evening.

LOWELL ROAMING IN THE GLOAMING

Lowell will observe her first "lightless night" this evening, in accordance with a recent order of the fuel administrator.

If you happen to be down-town and things look rather gloomy, don't conclude too hastily that "there's a break at the electric light plant." The real reason for the Syrian atmosphere will in all probability be the patriotic impulses of Spindle City merchants who are willing to do their bit in co-operation with the fuel administrator by dousing their illumination.

Order of the fuel administrator which is to be carried out in Lowell for the first time this evening is as follows:

"Electric signs of every kind, including merchants' signs, theater signs, all display lighting on buildings and elsewhere, hotel signs and advertising signs, are ordered discontinued on Thursday and Sunday nights of each week."

"On these same nights establishments not open for business must not show inside light, more than is necessary for safety."

The Lowell Electric Light corporation has asked its customers to co-operate with the order of the fuel administrator, and from present indications there will be an abundance of umbrellas in the Spindle City this evening.

In conversation with a Sun representative this morning, an official of the Electric Light corporation said that owing to the short time in which the company had to request its customers to comply with the order of the fuel administrator, it was unknown just how far-reaching the effects of the order would be on the first lightless night. Lowell's white way will not be dimmed this evening, according to the fuel administrator, as lighting is not yet considered display lighting by the fuel administrator.

Asked whether or not the theatres

COURSE OF TRAINING IN OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Corp. James H. Hogan, of Agawam street who has been stationed at Camp Devens for the past several months has received an appointment as one of the 524 men at the Ayer cantonment chosen to take a course of training in an officers' school which will last from January 5 until April 5.

Corp. Hogan was one of the members sent to the National Army from division 3 exemption board on Sept. 21. Shortly after his arrival at the Ayer camp he was promoted to corporal. He had been stationed with Co. C of the 32nd machine gun battalion, "Lowell's own" company. He is well known in Lowell and before leaving this city to do his bit in the national service he conducted the Sanitary Clothing Service Co. in Gorham street.

Among the other young men to receive appointments to the officers' school are Sergt. Frank S. Burden and Sergt. John W. Lough, both of whose addresses are given as Tewksbury.

THE NEW TRIPLE

Treatment for the blood, nervous and liver-purifying, strengthening, cleansing, winning its way wonderfully just now.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the superlative blood purifier and appetite giver, known for over 30 years.

Pepsin, the superlative pepsin-iron-calcium nerve, blood and digestive tonic.

Hood's Pills, the superlative family laxative for biliousness, constipation, pleurisy, easy, effective.

What are your troubles? If such as to meet all three medicines, why not have perfect, well-rounded relief by getting the combination?

If you need only one medicine, get it and take it—but do it now.

"TIME TO SAVE"

69 Years

NEVER PAID LESS THAN

4 %

LOWELL, MASS.

Interest Begins Jan. 12th

Chalfoux's

CORNER

"CHIFFLES MAKE PERFECTION, BUT PERFECTION IS NO TRIFLE"

The department store usually advertises its largest things, its vi-
trols, furniture, clothing, etc., be-
cause these things are the things
which count most. But Chalfoux's
goes as far as possible to make his
store an economy store for every-
thing; large or small. Buttons,
pins, needles, etc., can be bought
here at the lowest prices. Our stock
along this line is not the quality
which brings in the most profit to
us. It is selected carefully in order
to give you the best value possible
for your money, and in order to enable
you to economize in little things.
It may seem to you that these little
things are more or less a trifle, but
your consideration, but remember
the words of Michelangelo, the
famous sculptor. "Fiddles make per-
fection, but perfection is no trifle."
Chester Redding, Lowell High
School Comm. Dept.

PROBE OF MEAT TRUST AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Investigating the business of dealers in meat waste the federal trade commission today heard testimony of W. S. Ballin, an official of the M. L. Shoemaker Co., dealers in refuse and renderers. The witness made the charge that the American Agricultural Chemical Co. attempted to force his concern into a price fixing agreement and when it refused declared war which since last May had cost the Shoemaker Co. \$50,000. He testified that E. J. Murphy of the competition had also cost the American company about \$50,000. He produced letters from Murphy to the effect that the latter had offered twenty cents a pound for butchers' scraps in Philadelphia, six or seven cents in New York and only half a cent a pound in Detroit.

TO THE PUBLIC

The talk to be given by
Mr. Arthur Fairbrother
Tomorrow (Friday) at 11.15 a. m.
at the

STRAND THEATRE

offers an opportunity which the people of Lowell cannot well afford to miss. The activities of Mr. Fairbrother of The Providence Journal have at last been recognized by the United States government and all his time is now at its disposal. With the possible exception of a few dates accepted many months ago, Mr. Fairbrother, who has been an active worker with him, comes not as an understudy, but as a partner, with the knowledge that comes with full participation in the work. Lowell is fortunate in having an opportunity to hear at first hand the story either of these men can tell, which clears up many mys-
teries for the general public, and is not only interesting but most in-
structive.

ADMISSION 50 CENTS

Tickets on sale at Carter & Sher-
burne's and at the Strand box office.

PLUSH CARRIAGE ROBE LOST

Between depot and North Tewks-
bury via Middlesex, Church, Andover
Sts. Finder please return to 166
Central St. Suitable reward.

SEND US AWAY WITH A SMILE

TONIGHT ASSOCIATE HALL SOLDIER BEAUTY CONTEST

Miner-Doyle Orch. Tickets 25c Dancing Free

Come and See the Three(3) Winners

Crisis in Peace Negotiations—Russia Demands Conference be Transferred to Stockholm—Kaiser Sends New Instructions to Delegates—Break Will Upset German Plan for Big Drive in West—Russia Ready to Put 3,000,000 Men in Field

A crisis is nearing in the Russo-German peace negotiations and indications are that a definite break is not far off. The Russian government has demanded that the conference which was to have been held on Jan. 4, be transferred to Stockholm, and has protested against the German attitude regarding occupied territory. Resumption of hostilities is not improbable should the Germans decline to meet the Russian demands.

Kaiser Aroused Over Change Emperor William and the rulers of

BUT IT IS COLD ENOUGH YET

Today was the sixth consecutive "sub-zero" day in Lowell and the locks and Canals minimum temperature this morning was just one below zero. For that reason Lowell just narrowly escaped having her zero record broken today.

At noon the Pawtucket dam thermometer registered 10 above while Page's clock was a slightly more frigid with a 9 above mark.

The weather men predict snow for this evening and that means a little more moderate temperatures. The record of minimum temperatures on each of the six days of the present cold wave is as follows:

Date	Below zero
Dec. 23, 1917	10
Dec. 24, 1917	20
Dec. 25, 1917	15
Jan. 1, 1918	11
Jan. 2, 1918	12
Jan. 3, 1918	1

WANTED

30 laborers. Come ready to work. Your pay every night if you need it. Apply to Martin J. Quinn, 937 Gorham St., opposite Moore St.



NOTICE TO WATER TAKERS

The Water Department is confronted with a very serious condition on account of the excessive consumption of water due to the cold weather of the past few days. At the present writing, every available gallon of water is being pumped into the reservoirs from all the different sources of the Department and notwithstanding this, the reservoir is falling at the rate of one foot per day, so that only about one day's supply remains in the reservoir. The only way to relieve this situation is to reduce the consumption within the capacity of the Department, and that can be done only by the water takers refraining from letting the water run to prevent freezing. To prevent freezing of meters and pipes, instead of letting the water run, cover them with old newspapers, bagging or some such material. In exceptional cases, where it is necessary to let the water run, a small stream will suffice, just enough to keep the water in circulation.

The prospect within the next two or three days is warmer weather, so appeal to the water takers to take advantage of this and discontinue letting the water run. In case of a freeze-up of meter or service, the Department has men ready to relieve the trouble at any time day or night, by telephoning 167-78. We would prefer to do this rather than have the water takers let the water run.

We are about to shut off all drinking fountains and horse troughs and are taking all possible steps to curtail waste, and it is up to the water takers to co-operate with the Department and to conserve the supply so as to obviate shutting off certain sections of the city which we do not wish to do, and will not be necessary if each one does his part.

The consumption has increased during the severe cold spell from 5,500,000 gallons per day to 11,600,000 gallons, an excess of 6,100,000 gallons.

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Superintendent.

Approved, H. BROWN, Commissioner of Water Works and Fire Protection.

Germany apparently are aroused over the sudden change in the situation, and the German and Austrian foreign secretaries are reported hurrying back to Drest-Litovsk with new instructions. German military and political leaders conferred yesterday with the emperor and there is a widespread demand throughout Germany that the reichstag be convened immediately.

Reichstag leaders at a conference with Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann discussed the situation, and the leaders of the regular and independent socialists are reported to have ex-

BRICKLAYERS ENTER NATIONAL SERVICE

Edward F. Kelley of 177 Caburn street, and Charles A. Dionne, 89 Ceaulieu street, will leave Lowell at 11:00 Friday morning, for San Antonio, Texas, where they will enter the national service. The men are being sent from division 4 exemption board, and are being inducted into service on a special call from the government. Both men are bricklayers.

Division 4 board today sent out questionnaires to the registrants in that division whose order numbers are between 1501 and 1600 inclusive; yesterday, this division sent out the question sheets to the men whose order numbers are between 1401 and 1500 inclusive.

Division 3 board is sending out its quota of questionnaires daily also. The numbers today were 2357 and 2518 inclusive. Sergt. Cox of the local regular recruiting station, received notice today that a special effort is about to be made by the recruiting officials to obtain enlistments in the recently organized United States Guards. Men for this branch of the service must be over the draft age and members of police and fire departments are especially acceptable. The pay is the same as in the regular army, with similar privileges. Recruits from Lowell will be stationed for the present at the Charlestown army. It has been de-

pressed dissatisfaction with the German attitude concerning occupied territory. May Upset Plans for Drive in West A breaking off in peace negotiations probably will upset all German plans to press a formidable attack on the western front. Confidence is expressed in Petrograd that the Russian government might put an army of 5,000,000 men to the field and the Bolshevik food Guard, made of armed Russian workmen, already has started toward the fighting front. A complete break

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occurred on the authorities that the uniform will be blue with a blue overcoat.

Lieut. Maurice Stahelin of the British recruiting mission, who has been spending the holidays at his home in Nova Scotia, appeared at the war work headquarters for a while late yesterday afternoon, and then went to Lawrence where he spent the greater part of today. He stated yesterday that an effort was being made to bring a British tank to this city in the interest of recruiting, but he is not yet certain that this can be brought about.

Recent enlistments in the British and Canadian forces corralled by Sergt. Healey at the local war work headquarters include the following: John R. Morrison, 143 Westford street, 249th Canadian battalion; Henry Dencault, 78 Assin street, 24th; Joseph E. Cloutier, 15 Ward street, 240th; and Philip H. Rollins, Middlesex street, British forces. Dencault is to leave for Canada later on, while the three other men have already de-

parted. Chief Tedman H. C. Tucker of the local navy station said this morning that for some reason or other, a mis- taken impression had got abroad that the navy was no longer open for enlistments. An article appeared in the local papers several weeks ago, saying that recruits for the navy would not be sent to Newport immediately as had hitherto been the case, but would be held at home until orders were received to send them on. However, this does not have one iota of bearing on the matter of enlistment. A man can be enlisted just as speedily now as ever before. Practically every branch of the service is open.

With the New Year An Interest Department Paying 3 Per Cent

Is Announced By This Institution

Such system, new to Lowell, is in successful operation in other cities. IT PERMITS SPECIAL CHECKING PRIVILEGES. It is the happy medium between 2 per cent. checking account and the 4 per cent. savings account which permits no checking privileges.

We are equipped to enter upon the undertaking at once, and we are certain the advantages will be appreciated when understood. We shall be thankful if permitted to explain the advantages either by letter or interview.

MIDDLESEX SAFE DEPOSIT & TRUST COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Serious congestion on certain railroads, while others adjoining or connecting are about normal, was reported today to Director General McAdoo by Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord in charge of the commission's inspectors. "The worst conditions reported so far," said the report, "are on the New Haven, the Pennsylvania lines west at Pittsburgh, on the Connellsville and the divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio and on the Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley railroads. On the New Haven the principal difficulty appears to be the shortage of power due to a large number of engines in the shop and shortage of both men and material to make repairs. The report was forwarded immediately to J. H. Smith, assistant director general at New York, with instructions to re-route traffic from the heavily burdened roads to those operating normally.

A. H. Smith, deputy director general of railroads, announced there are at Hampton Roads 196,000 tons of coal which will be used to relieve the coal shortage situation in New England. This will be transported by water.

McAdoo Calls Brotherhood Heads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Railroad labor and finance questions engaged the attention of Director General McAdoo and his staff today along with the movement of coal. Hundreds of cars of coal are moving by rail to New England and the east, and nine vessels have been loaned by the shipping board to carry fuel from Hampton Roads to New England.

Heads of the four railway brotherhoods were called into conference to discuss the general employment situation under government operation. Many railroad executives are prepared to recommend a general wage increase, especially for unskilled labor, to prevent the men from going to other industries where wages are better.

John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, discussed with Mr. McAdoo the situation which would develop soon when railroad companies' bonds and other obligations fell due. A bill will be worked out by which the debts will be paid by the government, other securities or met with funds already reserved for the purpose. Final arrangements will depend much on the legislative congress enacts.

Specific accomplishment of Mr. McAdoo and the railroad administration are:

All roads have received orders to pool their equipment and facilities and to haul over the shortest routes regardless of ownership or earnings, and at the risk of curtailing passenger travel.

A temporary staff has been organized, consisting of Walter D. Hines, assistant director; A. H. Smith, assistant in charge of transportation on eastern trunk lines; and John Skelton Williams, late Holden, Harry Walters.

on the authority you employed to fix wheat prices.

Reed began questioning on wheat, he said, to bring out a point affecting sugar. Hoover said the food administration had asked grain dealers not to pay more for wheat than the price agreed upon in the previous year. He said the price question was so put up to the dealers as to really make the transaction price-fixing, but Hoover insisted it was only attempted to stabilize prices, and denied that the food administration had done anything not authorized in the food law.

"I take it that with the country at war the people wanted results," said Hoover. "It is not fair to go into these conditions unless all phases are discussed, and that would take a week. One thing is certain, the farmers now are getting more for their wheat, and the government is getting more for its wheat."

Hoover would not acquiesce in Reed's statement that some force was necessary to get and maintain socialistic agreements on sugar prices. He said the food administration depended largely on the patriotism of refiners, but that "some authority was needed."

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SOLDIERS' RELIEF ALLOWANCE

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Edward Chambers and Mr. Hines, advisers.

Government priority orders, which railroads had claimed handicapped speedy movement of freight, were annulled. Railroad authorities have instructions to give preference to coal and food ordinarily but to use their own discretion as to preferences.

The railroad war board was first organized to assist Mr. McAdoo, but later dissolved at its own request.

The entire organization of the interstate commerce commission is being used by Mr. McAdoo and his Commission. McChord has charge of distributing freight cars, assisted by the car service commission.

A. H. Smith receives daily reports on each eastern road's excess of traffic over its ability to handle and seeks to re-route it to less burdened lines.

The railroad administration is considering a report of the railroad war board on more efficient common use of railroads terminals and yards. A committee of experts is being organized to prepare a report on the best utilization of terminal facilities at the New York port and a government of export freight from New York to ports farther south.

Legal advisors of the director-general have framed legislation to guarantee average war earnings and to provide otherwise for government financial assistance.

Western and southern roads have been notified that they will be called on to furnish locomotives and equipment and possibly employees to assist in clearing the eastern congestion.

Want Auto Trucks to Haul Coal

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—An appeal to firms and individuals to lend automobile trucks for the whole or part of the day for several days to come, to assist in distributing coal in small quantities in emergency cases was issued today by a sub-committee of the New England fuel administration. The committee plans to keep up its distribution of 10 tons daily practically until the end of the year until the shortage is relieved.

To Enforce "Lightless Nights"

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Action was taken by the Fuel Administrator Higgins today to enforce throughout the "six lightless-nights-a-week" order which became effective last night. It is being disregarded especially in the Broadway theatre district, he declares. A committee has been named to report violation of the order.

Lawrence's Water Supply in Danger

LAWRENCE, Jan. 3.—Continued cold weather has created a serious situation in regard to the water supply here, it being impossible to keep the filter beds clear of ice so that they can be used for filtering water.

The water in the reservoir is now ten feet below normal and unless the weather moderates the supply will soon be inadequate for the city's needs.

HOOVER AND SEN. REED CLASH AT HEARING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Food Administrator Hoover and Senator Reed had their long expected clash in public today, at the hearing before the senate committee investigating the sugar and coal shortages. Reed, one of Hoover's critics, questioned the food administrator sharply, and he replied with equal spirit. The verbal duel ranged from sugar to wheat.

The senator charged Hoover with "usurpation of authority" in handling the wheat situation, "that would be a crime in normal times." Hoover warmly denied it and said the situation had been handled with the approval of President Wilson.

"Yes, of course," retorted Reed, "the president's coat tails are long, his shoulders are broad and his position unquestioned, but in questioning you

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The Ladder to Her Window

Every normal young man hopes to get married. Perhaps you have the girl in mind right now. If you have not, you will have.

Marriage implies responsibilities. You do not want to take a girl into poverty to begin your partnership.

Begin saving your money now. Put it into the bank, where it will increase.

Then when the time comes to ask her, you can hold your head up and ask her like a man.

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Old Lowell National Bank
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In our new, commodious, modernly equipped and beautiful Banking Rooms our patrons are assured of all accommodations and conveniences enjoyed by the depositors of the best savings banks of the country. Private rooms at depositor's disposal.

STATEMENT

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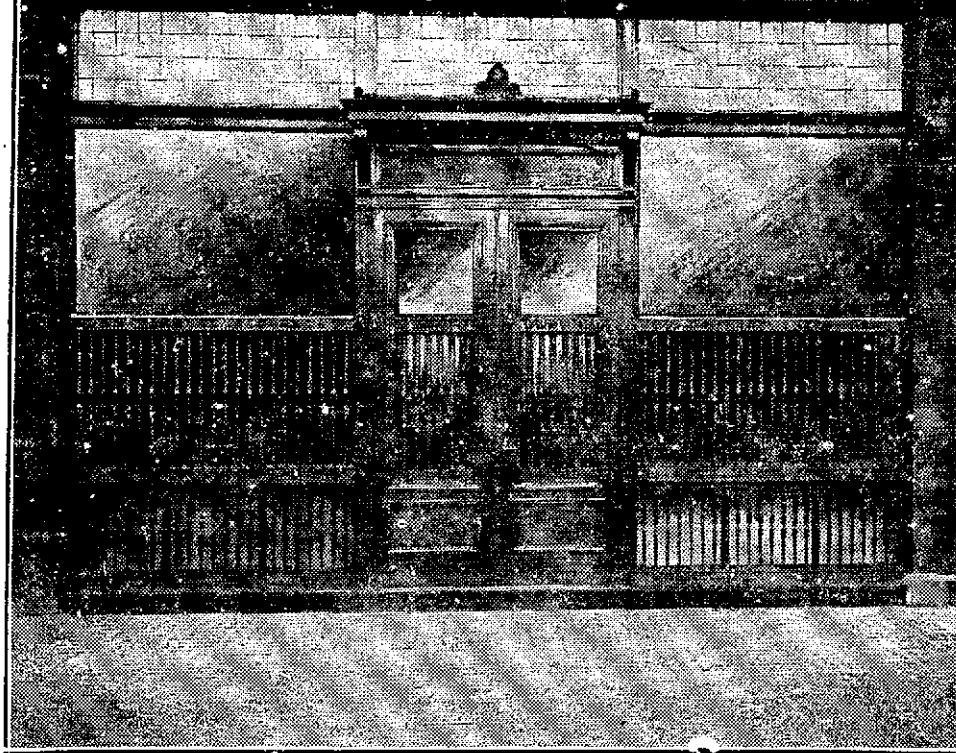
ASSETS

Bonds and Bank Stocks	\$1,326,863.75
Real Estate Loans	2,551,933.64
Personal Security Loans	376,230.00
Real Estate Bank Building	71,928.60
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	87,210.83
	\$4,414,166.82

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$4,085,934.76
Guaranty Fund	296,048.48
Profit and Loss	34,415.13
Undivided Earnings (less taxes and expenses)	87,768.45
	\$4,414,166.82

MECHANICS SAVINGS BANK



REGULATIONS

Deposits from \$1 to \$1000 will be received daily, and will begin to draw interest from the first Saturday in March, June, September and December.

Deposits may be allowed to accumulate to \$2000 by the addition of dividends.

Deposits may be made by mail, by check, Postoffice or Express money order.

Dividends are payable semi-annually on the Monday following the first Saturday of June and December.

Dividends not called for will be added to the principal, and shall be entitled to interest from the time the same are payable, as much as the original deposits.

Dividends shall be allowed on no greater sum than \$2000.

BANKING HOURS

From 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Also Saturday Evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

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HOOVER WANTS U. S. TO HANDLE ALL SUGAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Governor Lodge conducting the examination of all sugar used in the United States and control of the amounts and kinds of food to be served in public eating places were advocated to meet the abnormal war conditions by Food Administrator Hoover yesterday, in testimony before the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage.

Mr. Hoover said, additional legislation conferring upon the food administration such powers should be enacted by congress.

Food conservation came up only casually during an all-day examination of Mr. Hoover, but the administrator revealed that results from conservation plans formulated for hotels and restaurants had been disappointing because of the deliberate failure of some to co-operate with the administration.

Those seeking to help had been forced to abandon their efforts, Mr. Hoover said, in order to meet competition.

The witness believed housewives generally were conforming to the conservation recommendations.

Head Rites Hoover

Chairman Reed of the committee, who has been the chief critic of the food administration in the senate, did not question Mr. Hoover, Senator

that testimony before the committee, that there was plenty of sugar in the country, was not proved by the facts as he knew them and tended to offset the administration's campaign for conservation.

He said he regarded it as vital that his statement should counteract the testimony as quickly as possible and thought his own statement on the situation would be more convincing than that of George M. Rolph, head of the administration's sugar division.

Would Equalize Profits

In urging government purchase of sugar, Mr. Hoover explained to the committee that through that method alone could retailers be paid an equitable price.

He said some beet factories are making huge profits at the 7.35 cents a pound agreed upon for beet sugar, but on the other hand, a factory in Michigan and "one or two" in Colorado actually are losing money at that price.

His plan, he said, is for the government to purchase from beet factories at different prices based on the cost of production, buy cane sugars at prices on the same basis, pool the entire lot and sell to the consumer at one price.

Dependent on Patriotic Men

The witness denied that the Cuban prices had been fixed by a committee formed of refiners at a price advantageous to them. The price, he said, was fixed by the state department and the International Sugar Committee had nothing to do with it.

The Cuban government wanted 5.25 cents a pound, he said. The committee deemed this too high and as the state department then was negotiating with the Cuban government on the matter, the committee dropped it.

A price of 4.60 cents finally was agreed upon by the state department and the Cuban government, he said.

Mr. Hoover defended the food administration's action in naming the president of the American Sugar Refining company an officer of the American Refining company and Mr. Rolph as the American members of the committee, saying this country could be represented properly only by refiners.

"We are primarily dependent in these times on patriotic men who understand the price of sugar," Mr. Hoover said, "and it is impossible for me to go into all the details, but I reserve final decision to myself and I take full responsibility."

When Price-Fixing Is Sound

Mr. Hoover said today of the economic soundness of price fixing, Senator Lodge, cited authorities to show that it had failed, and read some of Hoover's testimony at the hearing on the food bill, in which he was quoted as saying price-fixing had been a failure in England.

The witness explained that when he so testified England did not control commodities on which it attempted to fix prices. He argued that price-fixing of government-controlled commodities was advisable to meet an emergency.

Mr. Hoover maintained that the food administration's action on sugar had prevented prices from doubling, and he declared that isolated cases where dealers had sold for 15 or 20 cents were proof that costs to consumers would have risen far above normal had not agreements been made with refiners.

Replying to the testimony of Claus A. Sprague, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, that raw sugar was going through New York from Cuba to Canada, when no sugar was to be had in New York, Mr. Hoover said 1000 or 5000 tons did go

LOWELL TO HAVE MALE BEAUTY CONTEST

Do you know a good looking soldier from Camp Devens?

If so, get in touch with him at once and urge him to enter the first male beauty contest ever held in Lowell which will take place this evening in Associate hall.

Three competent judges will decide the "triumphant trio" of olive drab men who will enter after he has been the most handsome man at the Ayr cantonment. The entrant's age or previous condition of servitude will not be with the judges and whether a man comes from Lowell or Lawrence will not have the slightest bearing on his chance for success.

In connection with the beauty show there will be general dancing for the Apollo and their friends with Atter Doyle's orchestra furnishing music.

It is expected that a large number of the fair sex will be present at this evening's contest and it is probable that many of the girls will enter their favorites for the beauty honors.

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PARTY AT ASSOCIATE HALL UNDER AUSPICES OF ST. PATRICK'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The members of St. Patrick's Holy Name society and a large number of their friends comfortably filled Associate hall last evening and enjoyed an excellent concert and dancing party.

The hall was elaborately but attractively decorated. The stage was adorned in a pale blue setting and the national colors formed a tasteful and patriotic background. Miner-Doyle's orchestra was on the stage and the scene as a whole was an unusually pretty one.

The concert began at 8 o'clock and a large number of capable local soloists were on hand to make the evening a pleasant one. A chorus composed of the young boys of the Junior



TIMOTHY ROHAN
General Manager

Holy Name society under the direction of Rev. Brother Nilus gave several numbers and their efforts were more than appreciated.

Timothy Rohan, president of the society, had general charge of the concert program. Rev. Joseph A. Curtin, the society's chaplain and spiritual director, was present and was one of the happiest of those who enjoyed the evening's pleasure.

The concert program was as follows: Quartet orchestra; song, Miss Frances Tighe; song, Miss Catherine T. Sharkey; chorus, melody, Junior Holy Name members; song, "Sailing Away on the Henry Clay," Master Wm. Chandler; song, "The All Round Round With the Mason-Dixon Line," Edward B. Connolly, and finale, "The Star Spangled Banner," assembly. The accompanist was Michael Johnson.

The officers of the dance were: General manager, Timothy Rohan, president, J. Pendergast, vice president; floor director, John T. McDermott; assistant floor director, Stephen Shu-

trine; chief aid, Dominic Molloy; assistant chief aid, William Ambrose, John Boland and George L. Campbell; aids, Patrick Cunningham, Robert Dalton, Joseph Dineen, James Flannery, Peter Gilt, Daniel McCarthy, Edward B. Connolly, Frank McGaraghan, Patrick McGarrell, John Stapleton, Timothy O'Sullivan, Walter Poillot, Richard Scannell, James Walsh, George Whelan, and reception committee, John J. Sullivan, chairman, and all members of the society.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SUPPER AT THE PAWTUCKET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Pawtucket Congregational church was held last night and was preceded by the regular supper which was enjoyed by all present. There was a large attendance of the members and the reports of the various committees proved to be interesting as well as encouraging.

Mr. John Howler was chosen clerk and treasurer for the coming year.

Supper was served in the vestry at 7.15 o'clock by the ladies of the church and the business meeting was opened at 8.30 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. A. G. Lyon, as moderator. The clerk of the parish, Charles A. Richardson, read the report of the year, which was found satisfactory in every way, as was also that of the treasurer of the parish, Leonard M. Ryan.

Then came the reports of the various societies of the church and the Sunday schools. Miss Bertha Douglass reported for the cradle roll, which showed an increase. The kindergarten department, reported by Miss Ethel Armstrong, also showed an increase in membership, and Miss Helen Chadwick, superintendent of the junior department, reported for her section. The Sunday school as a whole was reported by Secretary Mabel Armstrong and showed good progress. Then came the reading of the names of the star scholars, who are: Miss Helen Mansfield, who has won this honor for eight consecutive years; Miss Ethel Armstrong and Norman and Clifton Rice.

Arthur Corson reported for the Mystic Opti class of young men, and among the features of his report was the fact that 15 of the young men of this class have enlisted for the service of the country. Miss Ethel Armstrong, secretary of the Junior Christian Endeavor, reported for that society.

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. It will begin to draw interest from Saturday, January 5, 1918.

RETIRED PRESIDENT OF CLUB CITIZENS-AMERICANS HONORED BY FELLOW MEMBERS

Joseph Payette, president of Club Citizens-Americans, who retired from the chair last evening, was honored by his fellow members who presented him, as a token of appreciation for the good services rendered the organization, a cold smoking set, a briar pipe and other gifts useful to a smoker. The presentation was made by Rep. Henry Achin and Mr. Payette responded in fitting terms.

In the course of the evening, a business session was held and considerable business was transacted. The recently elected officers were inaugurated into office, the installation ceremony being presided over by Rep. Achin, and the close of the meeting a social hour was held in the upper hall, where an entertainment program was given and refreshments were served.

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ty, and Winthrop Bartlett spoke for the Senior C. E.

The treasurer of the Sunday school, Joseph B. Y. Coburn, Jr., reported a good financial condition.

Miss Cora M. Bartlett and Mrs. O. P. Ellis reported prosperity in the work of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary societies respectively, and Joseph B. Y. Coburn, Jr., for the Boy Scouts, reported good work among the boys. Miss Mabel G. Armstrong reported for the Campfire Girls, and Rev. A. G. Lyon for the benevolent committee. For the Ladies' Aid society, Mrs. N. L. Peabody reported, and Norman L. Peavey gave the report of the nominating committee, which was adopted as read.

The pastor then made his report for the past year, which was followed by the rollcall, showing most of the members present and each one answering in an appropriate manner. The appointment plan for the past year was adopted for the coming year, the money to be raised in the usual manner, and the pastor was authorized to purchase cards for the Church Attendance league, a new organization in the parish.

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TRYING TO DRIVE HIM IN

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Woman suffragists and anti-suffragists came out in force today before the house suffrage committee for the last big skirmish which will precede the fight in the house Jan. 10, when the woman suffrage constitutional amendment comes up for a vote.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, leading the argument in favor of the amendment, declared the fight had simmered down to a question of whether the extension of suffrage to a large number of inexperienced woman voters naturally sympathetic with human suffering would tend to weaken prosecution of the war. She contended most emphatically it would not and on the basis of sympathy with human suffering alone women were opposed to an ill-considered peace.

The anti-suffragists set forth their principal argument in a prepared statement by Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The argument for the anti-suffragists, seeking to destroy the right of each state to settle the question by popular vote, has resorted to "the lowest political methods." It charged them with circulating a canard that President Wilson had promised Alice Paul, leader of the White House pickets, that he would secretly aid the amendment.

"The charge that the majority of women are pacifists is absolutely disproved by the zeal with which women have thrown themselves into war service," said Dr. Shaw. "It is no over-statement to say that where only men offered voluntarily to enlist, ten women have offered for active war work in the field in which women can serve the government, while thousands more are preparing themselves for the service so that just as soon as the country calls more men to the army they can fill the vacancies and carry on the absolutely essential work of provisioning and providing the army with the equipment of war. If we need a more definite statement on this point, we need only to turn to the last election in Canada which hinged entirely upon conscription and was carried in favor of the measure by the votes of the Canadian women."

Mrs. Travis Whitney of Brooklyn.

COMMANDER PEOPLES FOR REAR ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Secretary Daniels today asked the president to nominate Commander Christian J. Peoples of the Navy Pay Corps a pay-director with the rank of rear admiral.

He is 41 years old and one of the youngest men ever to hold flag rank. To reach his new position, he would pass over captains and commanders of longer service.

Secretary Daniels said that because of the youth of Commander Peoples he hesitated to send in his name until he had reviewed the qualifications of every other officer. Mr. Daniels decided to set aside seniority and recommend the nomination on merit.

GALE HOLDS UP COAL FOR BOSTON

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—A sixty mile gale that swept over Cape Cod today, forced tugs towing coal barges to Boston to seek shelter and threatened to make the fuel shortage more serious than heretofore.

More than a dozen barges were sighted off Chatham last night. Two coal steamers also were proceeding here, but reports from the cape indicated that they were unable to make headway through the gale. There were no reports of disasters. Through the office of James J. Storrow, fuel administrator of New England, it was said that no coal had reached here by rail today, but that more definite information as to when shipments might be expected probably would be available late this afternoon. Mr. Storrow is in Washington where he went to

MARINE IS WARMEST DRESSED U. S. FIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The American marine is the warmest dressed of all America's fighting men, the senate military committee learned today from Michael E. Driscoll, a cloth expert from Raritan, N. J., and the German trooper in his "gray dawn" uniform has clothing 50 per cent heavier and warmer and more costly than the American soldiers.

A worn, stained scrap of gray cloth, cut from the overcoat of the first German prisoner taken by Gen. Pershing's men, was examined. The committee's investigation today turned on the much disputed point of whether "shoddy" mixed with wool is good for a soldier's overcoat.

Mr. Driscoll agreed with previous witnesses from the council of national defense that there was little difference in effect and that the clothing with "re-worked wool" mixed in was cheaper. He favored heavier uniforms for the men in Europe.

COLLAPSE IN RUSSIA MAKES 2500 IDLE

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 3.—Indications point to the quick absorption in other factories here of the 2500 hands discharged last night by the Remington Arms company because of the failure of Russia to complete contracts for war supplies.

At another factory engaged in the manufacture of fighting material it was stated recently that 1000 more workers were needed and it is thought here that many of the men laid off last night will readily find employment there. It is predicted that within a week most of the now idle workers will have been placed in new positions. The cause of the layoff was the collapse of the Russian government, which gave orders for rifles and bayonets to the Bridgeport corporation.

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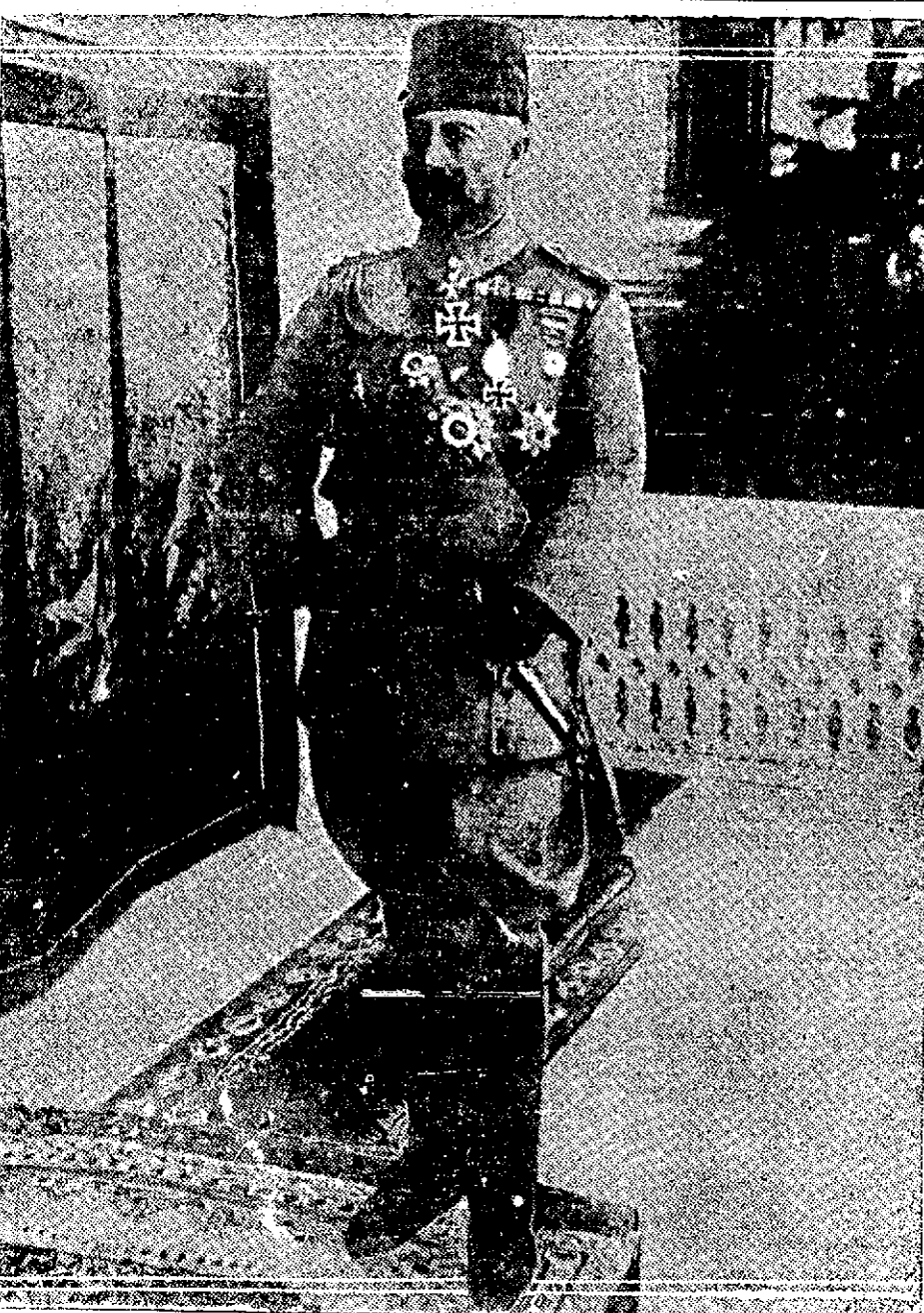
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"ME UND ALLAH!"

Above, the latest photograph of William Hohenzollern. The Kaiser is shown here portraying the role of the Sultan of Turkey. He is dressed in the Turkish field marshal's uniform. You have the Kaiser's word for it that the "Me und Gott" alliance he boasts of is frequently, is stronger than ever. He said in his Christmas speech to the Second German army that he had found he could "absolutely rely" upon the Lord of Creation.

TELEPHONE GIRLS HAIL NEW SCHEDULE

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—At one of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of Boston Telephone Operators union in Faneuil hall last night, the new wage agreement, signed between the adjustment board and telephone officials Sunday, was unanimously ratified. It averted a strike set for yesterday morning.

The ratification turned the meeting into "one of jollification" and happy demonstrations were always in order. With each successive announcement by Vice President G. M. Bugniat, who read the terms of the new agreement, there was renewed applause and rising vol of thanks were extended to Mr. Bugniat, the adjustment board and executives of the Telephone company.

Under the terms of the new agreement all members of the union are granted advances of from \$1 to \$3 a week. This includes senior operators, supervisors, assistant chief operators and clerks. In addition to the girl operators, the weekly maximum of \$15 is given the operators at the end of seven years.

Those eligible for the maximum wage will be classed as "senior operators" a new title established for about 20 per cent of the girls. The new agreement, as it affects the other 80 per cent of the membership, grants them their wage increases at much

earlier periods on a sliding scale. An increase of from \$1 to \$3 a week is granted to all, and no one receives less than a raise of \$1 a week. The clause in the agreement which creates the class of "senior operators" advances operators formerly in that class a grade higher, to be known as "junior supervisors," to assist the supervisors. The increase of \$3 a week, which advances their weekly minimum brings their wages to \$17.50 on assignment; \$18 after the first three months; \$18.50 after six months until they attain their maximum of \$19 at the end of 18 months.

COMPULSORY RATIONING IN ENGLAND SOON

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England soon, it was announced officially today.

CONGRESS RE-ASSEMBLED AND THEN ADJOURNED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress re-assembled today after the holiday recess and both houses after sessions of a few minutes adjourned until tomorrow in respect to the memorials of Senator Newlands and Representative Bathrick, who died during the Christmas holidays.

WILSON TO ADDRESS CONGRESS TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Wilson today finished the address he will deliver to congress tomorrow on the railroad situation. It is understood to be about 1000 words long and, according to present plans, it will not be carried in newspapers and press associations in advance of delivery.

FIRST DRAFT IN CANADA EXCEEDS 20,000

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 3.—The machinery of Canada's military service act was put in motion and worked smoothly. Men enlisted in the first draft are reporting in batches as previously arranged.

The first draft is said to exceed 20,000, although the exact number was withheld for military reasons.

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Turnips, lb.	2c	Fresh Shoulders, lb.	25c	Hamburger Steak, lb.	15c
Beets, lb.	4c	Large Can of Tomatoes	19c	Top of Round, lb.	30c
Parsnips, lb.	4c	Extra Fancy Corn, can.	14c	Sirloin Steak, lb.	25c
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Fancy Cookies, lb.	17c	Flour, bag	\$1.59	Try Our Corned Beef, lb.	15c
		Try Our Special Coffee, lb.	23c	Salt Pork, lb.	30c
		Potatoes, pk.	35c		
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THE SPELLBINDER

When it's too cold to cut ice, it is certainly cold. During the recent cold snap, last Friday night, I believe, a number of employees of the D. Gage company, who attempted to work all night keeping their channel open, were forced to abandon their work and men who have worked on the river for many years declare that they never experienced anything quite as bad as weather conditions on that night. But it's an all cold snap that bodes nobody good for there will be a most satisfactory ice crop as a result. The weather was even too strenuous for the ice-fishermen who have braved zero weather in the past to follow their line of sport. But 20 below took the heart out of the most zealous ice fishermen, even those who are around the cove to arm up, and there has been no ice fishing during the past week and when they do get they'll find a fine depth of ice to cut through in making the holes.

The water department was hard hit by the cold for service pipes and meters froze up and were out of commission and Commissioner Brown's army of employees were given a taste of real hard work from Sunday morning up to the present time. The plumbers were doubly-blessed by the weather for they had a Sunday and a holiday with double time for each, all within one week.

Some complaint was heard on the part of householders on account of a delay on the part of the health department in collecting their garbage and ashes. Christmas day, Fourth of July are the only two holidays that the health department employs employees and he works harder than ever to make up for them. On account of the Christmas holidays the garbage and ash collections were a day behind. In past years the department has had no trouble in hiring outside teams and drivers to assist in the collections. But between the war and the demand for teams on lighter and more inviting work and the intense cold it was not possible to engage any outside help and hence the regular employees were obliged to do all the work themselves which they did in commendable manner, all things considered.

While Lowell is only 26 miles away from Boston, the temperature in this city during the cold wave was at least 10 degrees lower than in Boston at all times. In this city none suffered more from the cold than the street car conductors who worked on preparatory cars for the street cars. Their bare hands on the rear platform and some of them suffering from frost-bite.

The Inauguration

The inaugural exercises will be short, sweet and patriotic, according to all reports. The custom of the past to read out a tiresome collection of municipal statistics has been abandoned and is unnecessary, inasmuch as the auditor publishes a monthly report containing all necessary figures. The mayor's outline of his policies and his recommendations will be the features of principal interest. No formal invitations will be sent out except to the former mayors of the city, and will be given by the city clerk. On account of the fact that the exemption board and the lawyers' advisory board both hold sessions until 10 o'clock Saturday night it will be necessary for city messengers to call employees to work all day Sunday to clean the building in time for the inauguration which will begin at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. After the formal exercises the municipal council will adjourn until the following day when it will hold its first regular business session of the new year. The board of aldermen will also meet on Monday morning. Messrs. Noyes, Pickman, Farnam, Casey, Brown, Mesian, Murphy and the retiring mayor, O'Donnell.

Burning Up the Coal

For the first time in the history of the present city hall every room in the building is being used daily and this is being used every day. Since 1910 the city council chamber which requires considerable steam to heat, has been kept cold throughout the winter but now the lawyers' advisory board is using it. Usually the school board apartments are cold except on meeting days, but as the high school is without heat during the Christmas holidays the pupils are using the rooms to rehearse for plays and are going to put on. The exemption board has the aldermanic committee room while there is something going on in the mayor's reception room practically every day.

The Moth Superintendent

Annually one hears of candidates for the position of superintendent of the moth department though after the talk given by the present incumbent, Mr. John G. Gordon, remains on the job. The position is different from any other in the gift of the municipal council, as the council must be confirmed by the state forester, Mr. Rand. The latter is strongly opposed to having police officers have the quality of the collection of a superintendent in any of the cities or towns. Speaking of moth work the cold killed about everything but the gypsy moths and a little more cold might put them out of existence. There are no longer any brown-tail moths in Lowell, having been completely exterminated, after five years' intelligent and systematic work. But the gypsy moth still abounds and the state and its municipal auxiliaries are working toward the extermination of the gypsies and expect to have it accomplished in a few years. In the matter of pests, the moth department employs a long bamboo pole and these poles become as rigid as iron crowbars and hence almost impossible to handle in extremely cold weather.

Everything Going Up

The new mayor is estimating the amount of insurance for the year for insurance for the year will find that the cost of insurance has advanced 10 per cent since last year following an increase of the year previous. From the talk at city hall the employees of practically all the municipal departments will ask for more pay as soon as the new government gets on its way. It is extremely difficult for the head of a municipal department to make a salary increase and even at the amount of money that he will need for an entire year, matter of calculation which in the past was comparatively easy. In years gone by heads of department could figure out their needs for a year in advance to

with a few hundred dollars of the actual amount but with the varying increases in the prices of all commodities it simply can't be reckoned accurately these days.

A Mean Thief

The mean thief who will steal a man's hat while the latter is asking his questionnaire filled out, but that's what happened at city hall Wednesday afternoon. A young man called upon the lawyers' advisory board during the afternoon to answer the usual questions, and when his turn came he walked to the desk leaving his new hat on a chair. It took some minutes or more to make out the necessary papers and when the young man returned to find his hat was missing and that his hat was missing and the thief didn't do him the consideration of leaving any kind of a lid to replace that which was stolen. City Messenger Monahan who is a sort of all round first aid to the injured at city hall instituted a search but failed to disclose the missing hat. Then the accommodating city messenger unearthed a cap of his own and gave it to the young man who departed, muttering.

THE SPELLBINDER.

Saturday, January 5, 1918 is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

REORGANIZATION OF ARMY ORDNANCE BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—General reorganization of the ordnance bureau, with experienced business men at the head of important divisions under the chief of ordnance, was announced last night by the war department. The new plan, under which it is proposed to make the bureau somewhat after the British ministry of munitions, was outlined to the senate military committee recently by Maj.-Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, while he was being sharply questioned concerning delays and deficiencies in supply of rifles and cannon.

It now has been approved by Sec. Baker and put into effect. Gen. Crozier, whose reorganization is pending in the senate, continues as chief and no change is made in the assignment of his staff. The acting chief, while Gen. Crozier serves on the war council. Col. Samuel McRoberts, formerly executive manager of the National City bank of New York, is named chief of the procurement division, one of the branches into which the business functions of the bureau are divided, and the chief of the production division will be announced in a few days.

The reorganization was announced in this city by the city clerk. "Heretofore the business of the ordnance department has been conducted by five separate and more or less independent organizations under the direction of the chief of ordnance. The divisions will now be consolidated. The chief of ordnance will be assisted by an extensive administrative and advisory staff.

"The principal business functions of the department, as distinct from the technical designing and other scientific work with which it is charged, will be carried on by four operating divisions: "(A)—The procurement division will negotiate all orders and contracts for artillery, small arms, ammunition and other articles, heretofore purchased by the various divisions of the ordnance department.

"(B)—The production division will have general charge of production and will follow up, supervise and stimulate the production of all articles contracted for by the procurement division.

"(C)—The inspection division will inspect and accept or reject all munitions of war contracted for by the procurement division. "(D)—The supply division will receive and distribute all ordnance and ordnance stores, operate all storehouses and have charge of matters pertaining to transportation.

"It is contemplated that this form of organization will make it possible to use to the fullest extent the experience of additional men trained in civil life, who will be called to the service for that purpose.

"Experienced business executives will be put in charge of the procurement and production divisions; and the work of those divisions will be entrusted to recently commissioned civilians, supplemented by further acquisition of trained experts and men of proven business ability."

BIG MINSTREL SHOW FRIDAY EVENING

The Junior Holy Name society of the Sacred Heart parish has completed plans for the minstrel show to be held Friday evening, Jan. 4 at the Sacred Heart school hall. The chorus of the show will be made up of a great to all lovers of music. Most of the solo work is carried on by boys with sweet soprano voices. The southern colored man is to be portrayed by the ends of the show and will furnish pleasure for all. The novelties introduced throughout will keep the audience in constant laughter.

VILLA BANDITS KILL 30 PASSENGERS

TUCUON, Ariz., Jan. 3.—A train on the Southern Pacific railroad was attacked yesterday morning 32 miles south of Emporia, Sonora, by Mexican bandits, and from 20 to 30 passengers were killed, according to advices received yesterday. The conductor and the express messenger were among those killed. Some of the passengers were from Tucson, but their names have not been learned.

KAISER ORDERS FORMATION OF NEW AERIAL UNITS AS RESULT OF U. S. ENTRY INTO WAR

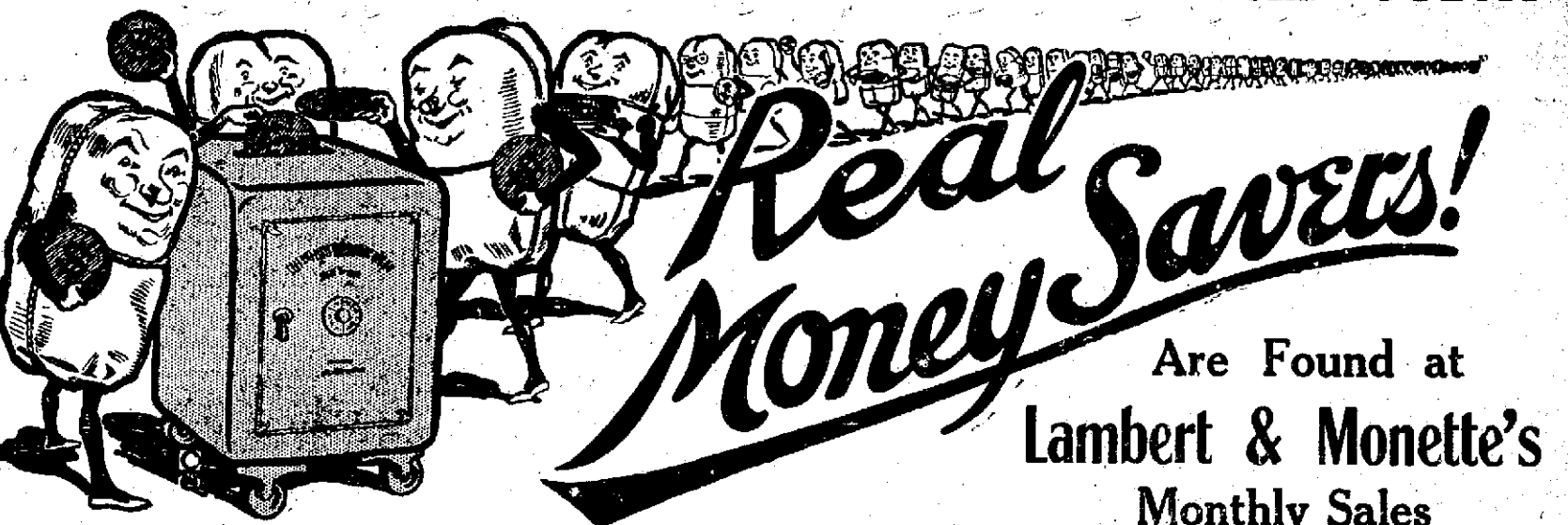
LONDON, Jan. 3.—As showing that the pretended German disregard for the entry of the United States into the war is feigned, the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters quotes an official German army order as follows: "The recent entry of America into the war compels us to hasten to form a considerable number of new aircraft units."

The order proceeds to urge the officers to promote the utmost numbers of transfers of officers to the flying corps for necessary training. The correspondent adds that prisoners are unanimous in stating that large forces of heavy aircraft are being formed on the Russian front to the western front.

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Owing to the character of the articles of men's wear which we sell—they being invariably recognized leaders in their respective lines and manufactured to sell at prices considerably higher than those we charge during these monthly selling events—we cannot extend the period of the sale. The sale must be brought to a close Saturday night, January 12. Lambert & Monette's bargains are real; yes, indeed, more real than you would ordinarily suspect through reading this or any other advertisement about the same items. The values we are offering are of such merit that we believe, without fear of having to retract what we say, that they surpass any ever offered in this city. That surely is a broad statement, but when you know whereof you speak why hesitate to talk? Genuine thrift and conservation will, in a way, be endeavored by those people who will make purchases at this sale.

\$5.00 Velour Hats for	\$2.69	\$2.00 Khaki Pants for	\$1.19	\$10.00 Bath Robes for	\$5.79	\$1.00 Flannelette Night Shirts for	.79c
\$3.50 and \$5.00 Soft Hats for	\$1.98	\$5.00 and \$6.00 Pants for	\$2.49	\$15.00 Bath Robes for	\$8.98	\$1.25 Flannelette Night Shirts for	.98c
\$2.50 Soft Hats for	\$1.69	65c Silk Ties for	.47c	\$8.00 Smoking Jackets for	\$4.98	\$1.75 Flannelette Night Shirts for	\$1.29
These are all present styles.		50c Silk Ties for	.39c	\$10.00 Smoking Jackets for	\$6.98	\$2.00 Flannelette Night Shirts for	\$1.49
10c Handkerchiefs for	.3c	Irish Poplin Ties for	.42c	\$3.00 White Worsted Sweaters, size 34, for	\$1.49	\$1.50 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.15
15c Khaki Handkerchiefs for	.10c	25c Ties for	12½c	\$4.00 Heavy Sweaters with collar attached, for	\$2.49	\$1.75 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.29
\$2.00 Union Suits for	\$1.49	20c and 15c Ready-made Bow Ties	.9c	\$4.50 Worsted Sweaters for	\$2.98	\$2.00 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.49
85c Heavy Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for	.69c each	25c Knit Ties for	12½c	\$5.00 Extra Heavy Sweaters for	\$3.79	\$5.00 Silk Pajamas for	\$3.29
\$1.50 Pocket Soft Hat for	.59c	\$1.00 Shirts, soft or stiff cuffs, for	.49c	\$6.00 Extra Heavy Sweaters for	\$6.49	20c Lion Brand Collars, sizes 16, 16½, 16¾, for	.4c
15c Pad Garters for	.8c	\$1.25 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	.79c	\$9.00 Extra Heavy Wool Sweaters for	\$6.49	Boys' Paper Collars, 10 in a box, sizes 12½ and 13, for	.3c a box
25c Boston Garters for	.19c	\$1.50 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	.98c	65c and 75c Cashmere Hose for	.45c	\$1.00 Heavy Winter Caps with fur lined ear laps, for	.49c
35c Double Grip Garters for	.25c	\$2.00 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	\$1.39	30c Hose, list finish, for	.21c	Double Buckle Blue Overalls and Jumpers for	.79c each
25c Suspenders for	.19c	\$5.00 Silk Shirts for	\$2.98	65c Silk Hose, for	.49c	50c Belts for	.29c
50c Suspenders for	.39c	\$6.00 and \$7.00 Silk Shirts for	\$3.49	50c Silk Hose for	.29c	15c Canvas Gloves for	.8c
One \$25.00 Suit, size 34	\$7.69	Blue Chambray Shirts for	.42c	50c Wool Hose for	.39c	\$1.25 Umbrellas for	.72c
\$3.00 Corduroy Pants, sizes 40 and 42, for	\$2.39	85c Khaki Shirts for	.59c				
\$2.00 Pants for	\$1.29	\$5.00 Bath Robes for	\$2.98				
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Lambert & Monette 241 CENTRAL STREET

2500 LIVES LOST IN EARTHQUAKE

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, Jan. 3.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2500 persons lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

Early reports on the Guatemala earthquake, which began on Christmas day, declare the loss of life was heavy, some estimates reaching 1000. A Guatemalan city dispatch of Dec. 31, however, said that only a few persons had been killed.

Many persons are going overland from Salvador to Guatemala to investigate the fate of friends.

Telegraphic communication between San Salvador and Guatemala is again interrupted.

REPORT SPANISH ROYAL PALACE IN FLAMES

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A Havas despatch from Madrid says that the royal palace at La Granja, near Madrid, is on fire. Details of the fire are not known. The royal palace at La Granja was built in 1721-23. It consists of a main building, enclosing the court of the original (Ganga Granel) and of two double wings. The royal apartments on the first floor have been noted for their 18th century magnificence.

The Bon Marche SPECIAL PRICES ON Bed Room Wall Papers

12½c and 15c Chamber Paper 9c
18c and 21c Chamber Paper 14c
All colors and designs included and shown with borders and sold only in combination. Paper-hangers furnished.

21 BRITISH VESSELS SUNK IN WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1600 tons or more have been sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement last night. Three merchantmen under 1600 tons were also sunk.

"This is a material increase over the previous week when the sinkings numbered 12, of which 11 were more than 1600 tons."

Arrivals, 211; sailings, 204. British merchantmen 1600 tons or over sunk, 18, including two previous weeks under 1600 tons, three; fishing vessels, none.

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, eight.

Nine French Ships Sunk

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Nine French ships of more than 1600 tons were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending Dec. 31. There was no loss of vessels under 1600 tons or of fishing ships. Two attacks on steamers failed.

WHEELS IN MOTION FOR MILITARY ATHLETIC CARNIVAL AT STATE ARMY

At a meeting held at the war work headquarters last evening which was called by S. Wales Dixon, war department representative of the camp recreation organization, preliminary plans for a military athletic carnival to be held at the Westford street armory in the near future, were outlined and discussed.

The proceeds of the affair will go entirely to the soldiers of the 16th division of the National Army camped at Ayer. Prominent athletes who are at present in the national service will compete with star local performers as well as with men from the cantonment. Although the affair is to be designated as a "soldiers' carnival," nevertheless, Mr. Dixon wishes it understood that local athletes are wanted to enter the various events just as much as the soldiers.

It is expected that the cream of the athletic material "up there" will come to Lowell for the meet and prominent local stars, including the pick of the Y.M.C.A. and high school men will back up against the men in olive drab. The military officials of the Ayer cantonment took upon the enterprise very favorably and are giving their time and energy in assisting Mr. Dixon to make the affair worth while. The affair will be staged with the sanction of the A.A.U. so that athletes

CONG. ROGER'S SUFFRAGE BALLOT LOST

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Lost somewhere on the high seas between here and London, or else in London, or on the docks in New York, one perfectly good congressional vote for the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Finder please hand it in at the capitol at Washington, D.C. before Jan. 10, on which date the amendment comes up in congress.

The vote was the vote of Rep. Rogers of Massachusetts, and was being championed by Congressman John Begley and Conductor Arthur Clancy.

Mr. Rogers was so grieved at the thought of not being able to do his bit toward passing the federal amendment that he waylaid Mr. Hicks, who was passing through London on his way from the French front, and asked him to take his ballot and send it safely over here.

Mr. Hicks, who is an enthusiastic suffragist as is Mr. Rogers, accepted the vote as a sacred trust. He gave generous fees to everybody on the ship who might have anything to do with it.

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I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that cured me quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no fast time, no trouble, I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may cure a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 155D Marcellus avenue, Manassas, Va. I'll better out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

A large attendance and an enthusiastic meeting marked the fourth anniversary of the British-American Social club at a meeting last night in Odd Fellows building. Neil McNeill Walters was the presiding officer and after he had called to order considerable real-time business was transacted.

TWO ELECTRIC CARS IN COLLISION - MOTOR CAR BANGS INTO TROLLEY

Two cars of the Bay State Street Railway Co. met in a crash about 1:30 o'clock last night in front of Memorial hall. A car bound for Varnum avenue bumped a car which was in front of the building and as a result of the contact two men and two women were cut and bruised by broken glass and were taken to their homes in cabs.

Officials of the Bay State Street Railway Co. stated that the accident was due to the failure of the motorcar on the Varnum avenue car to judge properly the distance between his car and the Pawtucketville car, which was stopped. The Pawtucketville car was driven by Motorcarman John Begley and Conductor Arthur Clancy.

The cars were not badly damaged save for broken windows and bent fenders.

DRIVE AWAY HEADACHE

Rub Musterole on Forehead and Temples

A headache remedy without the dangers of "headache medicine." Relieves headache and that miserable feeling from colds or congestion. And it acts at once! Musterole is a clean, white ointment made with oil of mustard. Better than a mustard plaster and does not blister. Used only externally, and in no way can it affect stomach and heart, as some internal medicines do.

Excellent for sore throat, bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, all pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bite, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The regular monthly supper of St. Paul's church was held in the vestry last night. There was a large attendance and the evening's entertainment proved to be an enjoyable one. After supper was served at 8:30 o'clock, after which the following program was given: Piano duet, the Misses Beta and Mildred McKewin; reading, Ruth

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SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Let us distinguish between essentials and non-essentials. For the duration of the war while there is a demand for conservation in all lines, it behooves everybody to cut off the things which are non-essential in order that the things that are absolutely essential may receive more attention and always first attention. This is the policy adopted by the railroads and the steamship lines. They do not want to waste their power carrying things that are not essential to the welfare of the people while they have to meet such overpowering demands for the transportation of the great essentials—food, fuel, clothing and the men and equipment of our armies.

It is necessary and essential to keep our industries running and everybody employed to the best advantage.

Over every door in the land should be written "war work here," and the occupants of every home should be guided by that patriotic motto.

We have vast advantages in being guided by the costly experience of England in our preparations for war. President Wilson is doing herculean work and so are his various lieutenants, so are the departments at Washington, and so are the congressmen and senators. With few exceptions the representatives of the people at Washington are showing a splendidly patriotic spirit. Party lines have been obliterated in promoting the war and with the exception of "the few wilful men" the entire body is working with one mind in supporting President Wilson and the departments in the mammoth task of carrying on the war.

The government control of the railroads has brought new courage to the people and especially to the industries of this country. A paralyzed railroad system would defeat our efforts in the war and defeat in our case would mean defeat for the Allies. But with Mr. McAdoo as director, and Harrison Holden, Elliott, Bae and Knuttschmitt, all great railroad executives at his elbow, there can be no doubt that from this time forward, the railroads of the country will accomplish more than ever before not only in promoting the preparations for war but in meeting the demands of the various industries by which the government is to be sustained in the war.

Thus we may expect new life to be infused into every line of business as a result of better railroad service. It is true, that non-essentials may have to wait, that essentials whether for the army or for our industries shall have a prior claim, but apart from this there will be no discrimination. There should be no false economies; the people who earn good wages have to buy what they want as usual and the industries that are supplying their needs must be classed with the essential because upon the steady employment of all our people at good wages depends our ability to buy Liberty bonds to help win the war.

Moreover, in the matter of food, every patriotic person, we assume, is willing to put up with the inconvenience of a shortage in sugar or even of a temporary shortage in coal. This spirit of forbearance in meeting inconveniences without worry or complaint will greatly help in a general way the men who are directing affairs for the nation's honor and vindication. This is a big country and the government is now engaged in a task compared with which the greatest ever previously undertaken was insignificant. Therefore, it is to be expected that there will be mistakes, that some parts of the country will suffer more than others; but so far as possible, all will be treated fairly and much depends upon the good will, the patriotism and common-sense of the people in meeting the disappointments and even it may be reverses of the war, without discouragement as to the final result. We are in the war to win and to that end as a united people, let us bend our efforts, ready to take what comes but confident always that a glorious victory will finally repay us for every service and every sacrifice.

THE PRO-GERMAN CROAKERS

The pro-German element has changed its tactics but is still active. The propaganda works under various guises, always with the aim of shaking confidence in the United States, assailing its position in the war or some of the agencies working for the success of the Allies. The Red Cross is attacked on various pretexts and false stories are put in circulation to shake public confidence in its honesty and fairness.

The fact that the war council of the Red Cross donated \$100,000 to the medical staff of the United States army to promote medical research has brought out a protest from the antivivisectionists. A medical staff—which has cleared Cuba and the Panama jungle of yellow fever; kept the bubonic plague out of the United States; cleared Serbia and Macedonia of typhus; kept Asiatic cholera out of the Philippines, and abolished typhoid fever from the American army, can be trusted to use wisely the \$100,000 required to meet the unusual medical conditions incident to this war. There are extraordinary problems in sanitation to be solved; prophylactic problems arising from the use of lethal gases; and surgical problems resulting from new poisons and internal suppurations. The success of the medical staff of our army is sufficient guarantee that the money of the Red Cross

GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Germany is gradually coming down in her peace terms. She has heretofore claimed that she wanted more territory and her people were led to believe that she would eventually rule the world.

Of course, Kaiser Wilhelm can knock Count Czernin of Austria off his peace stool and repudiate him, at any time, but there's significance in the fact that Czernin was ever permitted to present such peace terms as he has.

"No annexations and no indemnities," is a long way from what the German autocrats have been demanding. The morale of the German people has been largely held up by assurances that the cost of the war would be paid by other peoples. According to Austria's representative at Brest-Litovsk, the Kaiser so longs for peace that he kills that dream and the dreams of a "Mittel Europa" and a "place in the sun" held by German power. From world-domination, paid for by conquered peoples, it is a far cry to peace without indemnity. How strongly do the people of Germany feel this?

The truth must ere long dawn upon the German people so long deluded with the bombastic promises of her rulers.

DANGER IN HASTE

As matters stand now, although the war department has accomplished wonders, there is no certainty that an army of 1,000,000 men will be assembled on the western battlefield by the middle of April. To accomplish this there must be haste and this will surely result in having many things done in a very unsatisfactory manner. The greatest danger of all is that the men will be rushed to the trenches to meet some great military necessity before they have had the training necessary to enable them to put forth their best efforts not only in self-

defense but in offensive attacks upon the enemy.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is still a fit subject of discussion and a very complex one for some of the men who have to answer the questions. But whether or not the man of draft age has a just claim for exemption, he must answer the questions in a full and satisfactory manner. Even the alien enemies must fill out the questionnaire and if they are found to lie in their answers they will be subject to the penalties provided in such cases.

CONGRESSMAN ROGERS

Congressman Rogers has gathered much information that will be beneficial to the government provided it be applied in good faith and without being taken advantage of for political purposes by some hungry republicans. The congressman has evidently worked hard while in Europe in gathering information of value for the government.

SAVE THE WATER

Yes, there has been a waste of water, but there would have been a still greater waste had we had a great fire during the cold spell. We have been fortunate in escaping conflagrations such as have spread ruin in many other cities.

CONGRESS

Congress has to tackle a stupendous task in supplementing President Wilson's action in taking over the railroads of the country. Congress must vote the money to make the president's plan of action effective.

SEEN AND HEARD

Without having a very large income, it is possible to be extravagant.

These are busy days for the blacksmiths and plumbers.

Before starting out to say just what you think, be very careful what you think.

What is only a gathering of a couple of dozen people in the metropolis is an outpouring of the populace in a country village.

Some young chaps—some old ones, too, for that matter—who think a lot of themselves are really about as useful to this world as a toothbrush would be to a cow.

Some people who make it a point to be able to tell you the next day the text of a sermon they have heard don't take to themselves any of the serious moral lessons.

The popular idea that plumbers use twenty-dollar bills for shaving papers may be wrong. Plumbers complain that they are short of money like everybody else.

Fears Confirmed
Teacher—Now we have in front of you the north, on your right is the east and on your left the west. What have you behind you?
Small Boy—A patch on my pants. I

told mother you'd see it!—Baltimore Sun.

Profitable Nap

Mike McCarthy, a conductor on the Chicago & North Western, took his wife to Chicago on a shopping trip. She had the old gentleman a merry chase and wound up at a big department store in the evening.

She then told him she was going up on the third floor to look over some more things. Mike said he was tired and would sit down on a bench near the elevator and wait for her. He took off his hat, turned it open side up and placed it on his lap, then leaned his head back and fell asleep.

Mike had a habit of sleeping with one eye partly open. This impressed the passers-by, and when his wife returned she found \$3.40 in small change in the hat.—Judge.

Leather Wanted in Hats

Perhaps it has occurred to few people to speculate about the amount of leather used in the sweat bands of hats. The makers of one of the fabric substitutes for leather, however, have just completed a survey of the field.

They report that in 1916—just an average year—there were 127,492,372 hats and caps made in the United States, or two and a half "hats" for each member of the male population, without regard for age, race, color or previous condition of servitude.

The sweat bands for all these hats would make a single band about two inches wide and 25,000,000 feet long—enough to go twice around the world, with plenty left over for a nice sizeable bow somewhere along the equator. In this tape there would be 41,000,000 square feet of leather, and the loss in trimming off the corners of the hides and bringing them down to this shape would amount to at least 11,000,000 square feet more.

Now 55,000,000 square feet of leather would make the tops for about 20,000,000 shoes. We need feel little wonder in learning that the next year a goodly part of this leather actually will go into shoes that under the pressure of ever advancing prices the thing of the past, replaced by composition fabrics of one sort or another.

The Country is Full of Them Since Druggists Commenced to Sell "Neutrons Prescription 99."

There is no reason on earth why anyone should suffer another day with painful, inflamed, swollen joints or muscles of any kind arising from rheumatism, when you can get a large bottle of "Neutrons Prescription 99" for 50c and \$1.00 the bottle.

Not a liniment, mind you, to clog up the pores, but a blood-purifying, soothing and healing internal remedy that takes out all soreness and pains and leaves the muscles feeling fine and comfortable.

You may be so sore and crippled that you can not get around, but take a few weeks' treatment of "Neutrons Prescription 99" and you will enjoy entire freedom from rheumatism.

Use "Neutrons Prescription 99" for chronic rheumatism, for gout, for the kidney. Use it when you feel an attack coming on and you will be mightily well pleased with the result.

Fred Howard's Drug Store, 193 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 632 Merrimack St. and leading druggists everywhere.

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Don't talk operation. If you can't wait for a free trial of Pyramid Pile Treatment get a box at any drug store and get relief now. If you have a store send coupon for free trial package in plain wrapper, and get rid of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, hemorrhoids and such rectal troubles. Take no substitute.

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We have had substitutes and substitutes, but here is at least one substitute that stands more than any chance of being permanent.—Scientific American.

How Wolves Become Dogs

The first dog was a wolf. An old savage found a tiny wolf whelping through his forest, or killed its mother at the den, and took the whelp home to his boy. The child played with the little wolf and learned to love it and it learned to love him. They grew up together and instead of running away when it was grown the wolf remained about the tent of the savage and came when the boy called it, and hunted with him and was a friend and companion.

The first time the boy and the wolf went hunting the wolf caught a rabbit and started to eat it, but the boy took it away from him. The wolf cried about losing the rabbit, but when the boy gave him the head and the feet and the entrails the wolf was satisfied and saw that it was not such a bad thing to be in partnership with a boy. Besides, the boy had fed the wolf many times when the wolf had done nothing to obtain the food, so it was not such a bad thing to run after a rabbit, catch it and have a boy taking the best part of it.

It wasn't long before the boy and the wolf were able to catch enough game to supply the home with meat, and the family thereby became the wealthiest in the jungle. So hard had it been to secure food that the people had no time to do anything else than search for something to eat. If it had not been for the taming of a wolf the people would never have been anything but savages, because they would

never have had time to do anything but eat for food.

The boy and the wolf were able to catch so many wild things the father of the boy stopped hunting and put in a month of his time making a boat—the best boat that had been made up to then, because no one had had a month's time to devote to boat making. When the boat was finished the family was still richer, for it now had the means of going across the lake, where there were plenty of fruits and nuts, and they could be brought home in the boat.

When the other savages saw the advantage of having a wolf to help secure the food for the family they adopted young wolves themselves and trained them and finally raised wolves that were so gentle they had to be driven out of the camp. Then wolves became dogs, but there isn't anything in history to show when it was. It is certain at this time there isn't a race of people anywhere on earth that hasn't dogs—and a lot of them.—Columbus Dispatch.

The Limit

It was when the war was over and the nations in accord, That Great Lucifer petitioned for a hearing before the Lord. When his poignant pleas were granted and he came to heaven's bar, He arose and spoke as follows: "Lord, I've never killed so far. At the time that you sent me, I have welcomed one and all. I have made a place for sinners and transgressors great and small, I have given them all a bristling and his homelike privacy and I've been mighty democratic, and I'm rather proud of it. But I understand you're planning to send Wilhelm down here and I wish to give you notice here and now that I rebel. Oh, I stood for Mr. Nero and Caligula. Think the other spirits muttered and protested pretty much. But I have some pride in Hades, and I've got to draw the line. When you want to send this Kaiser to that fiery realm of mine, There'd be hell to pay for certain and my people down below— If I let him even enter—would effect my overthrow."

Then the Lord spoke unto Satan, "Monarch of the deepest hell, It wasn't too light a torture were that emperor to dwell In the depths of thy inferno; I should never be content With mere seething fire and brimstone. Nay, I've planned a juster sentence, he shall wander to and fro Over all the earth he ravished, he shall see and feel the pain of his victims' agonies, he shall be called to haunt and mock him, He shall feel the hell created by his vanity and his pride, never shall he be content. And this agony and torture never, never shall abate."

Satan bowed in true submission, "Lord," he answered, "Thou art just! It were far too light a penance were the Kaiser to be thrust Into any realm of Hades, for my dearest, Would be like a bit of heaven to the Hell he made himself."

—Berton Brainer.

JOINT INSTALLATION AT MEMORIAL HALL

Memorial hall was taxed to capacity last night at the joint installation of Post 42, G.A.R. Relief corps, Admiral Farragut camp, Sons of Veterans, and Admiral Farragut auxiliary, Sons of Veterans. During the early part of the evening a buffet luncheon was served. The exercises commenced at 7:45 o'clock, when Adm. George E. Worthen introduced P.C. Earl A. Blissell as installing officer of Post 42. The latter then proceeded to install the following officers for the year 1918: Commander, Dudley L. Page; S.V.C., John Harrington; J.V.C., Nathan G. Lamson; adjutant, George E. Worthen; quartermaster, Chester S. Goodwin; surgeon, Jas. P. McCarthy; chaplain, Charles E. Brackett; officer of the day, Francis A. Grinnell; officer of the guard, Thomas P. Crowley; sergeant major, Patrick P. Bernard Headman.

The senior vice commander, sergeant major and quartermaster major, who were absent, will be installed at the next meeting.

President Bessie Cummings of Relief corps 75 then called the corps to order and Mrs. Lizzie Worthen was introduced as the installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Helen Quinn as conductor, and the following officers were installed: President, Miss Mary Smith; senior vice president, Mrs. Minnie Bartlett; junior vice president, Mrs. Katherine Goff; treasurer, Miss Bernice Staples; secretary, Mrs. Lydia C. Bartlett; conductor, Mrs. Helena Quinn; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Lizzie Worthen; minor guard, Miss Etta Flynn; guard, Miss Sarah Simmons; chairman, Mrs. Barbara McFadden; color bearers, Mrs. Alice Felch, Mrs. Clara Staples, Miss Maude Richardson and Miss Emma J. Ober.

At the close Treasurer Bernice Staples in a neat speech presented President-elect Miss Mary Smith a large bouquet.

Commander Fred L. Fletcher of Admiral Farragut camp, 78, Sons of Veterans, then called to order the camp, when Second Lieut. Ariston K. Barrows, acting as conductor, introduced P.C. Samuel A. Pickering of Camp No. 78, S. of V., as installing officer. The officers installed were: President, Lydia A. Bartlett; vice president, Elizabeth Young and Sophie J. Fletcher; treasurer, Elsie Streeter; secretary, Annie Leach; guide, Gertrude L. Dickey; patriotic instructor, Elizabeth Young; assistant guide, Janet Johnson; color bearers, Florence Saxton and Anna M. Clay; inside guard, Minnie Lamphere; outside guard, Elizabeth Young; trustees, Marietta Fullerton, Elizabeth Young and Sophie J. Fletcher; judge advocate, William L. Dickey and press agent, Marietta Fullerton.

Past Commander Pickering was presented a large bouquet of roses and



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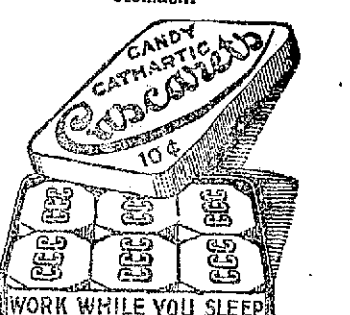
pink, given by the retiring and incoming officers, by P.C. Lucius A. Derby. President Sister Bartlett was presented a bouquet from E. F. Butler Relief corps, No. 75, by Past President Bessie Cummings of the corps. Past President Bessie Cummings presented a beautiful flag from the color bearers of the corps, and President Smith was presented a gavel from Mrs. Redding.

BEAUMERS' UNION
At a regular and well attended meeting of the members of the Beaumers' union, local 1045, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Walter Roche, president; Robert Hollingsworth, vice president; Alfred Angus, financial secretary; Louis St. Cartier, recording secretary; Matthew Trumbull, warden; Ernest McGowan, conductor. At the close of the business meeting, a social hour was held during which refreshments were served, and entertainment numbers were given by George Harrington, William McLean, Daniel Crane and George Liston.

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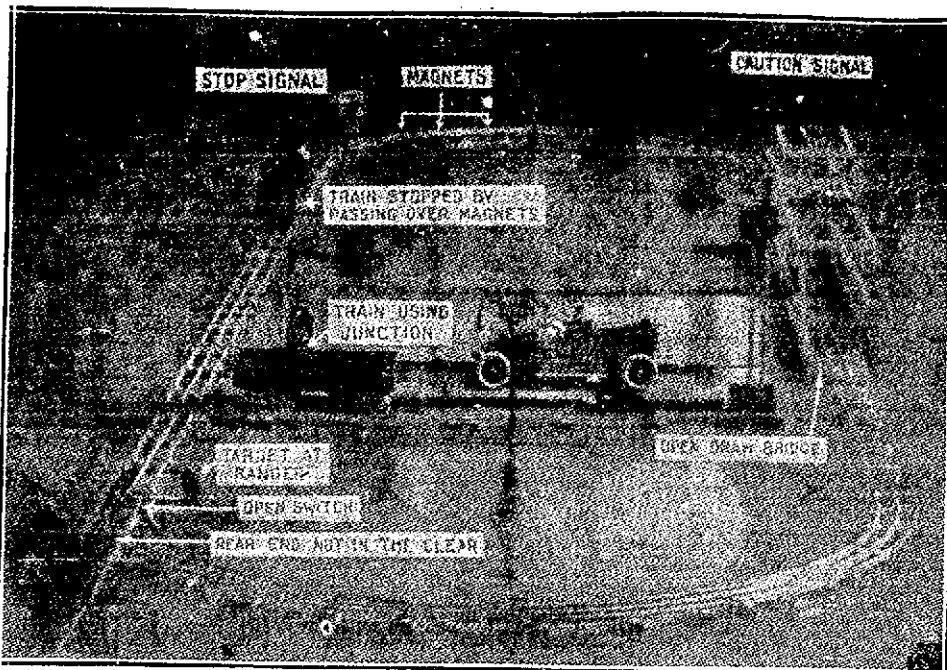
MARVELOUS INVENTION WHICH WILL PREVENT WRECKS ON RAILROADS

The latest triumph of American genius takes the form of a system of new and wonderful devices, now being shown in this city for the first time, which prevents head-on, rear-end, side-swipe, junction and crossing collisions on either steam or electric railroads, prevents trains from running into open switches, open draw bridges, broken rails, rock slides, land slides, snow slides, prevents engineers from running past danger signals and absolutely compels their obedience to running orders.

It is the result of a life time of work by Alfred Minnick, an old railroad man from Salt Lake City, combined with the electrical genius of Edmond Verstraete, the well known inventor. These two men have succeeded where four thousand other inventions have failed because all the others operate by something on the trains touching something on the tracks to cause operation of the device that stops the train. The M-V System Jumps a Four-Inch Gap!

The method, briefly stated, is this: The device works with any and all of the automatic block signal systems on the railroads of the world today. If the engineer cannot see these signals by reason of smoke, fog or snow, if he disobeys them or is sick, dead or injured in the cab, the sum electric influence that brings the signal to a "stop" indication is carried on up the track by a wire toward the approaching train. At a given distance, enough to stop any train no matter how heavy or fast, the M-V device is planted under the track. When the moment of danger down the track arrives, and the current goes through the M-V device, it exerts its influence up into the air over the track, through ice, snow, sand, anything. As the train rushes into this influence it pulls a little electric trigger on the train, which discharges the force of a battery on the engine that shuts off the steam or electric power and applies the air brakes automatically in the regular way, stopping the train in safety.

The M-V system is not expensive and is easy to install. At present the railroads pay up to \$3800 per mile for their signals and \$600 a year per mile to maintain them. The saving of one big wreck will provide the money with which to equip an entire railroad with this new system. More than one factory will be required and it is possible to locate one in this section of the state. Be it repeated for emphasis, The M-V System is the first Complete success among 4000 failures because it does not depend on trip, ramp, third rail, cam movement or any form of touch or contact for operation. It operates on a closed circuit and disturbs no existing equipment on the railroads. Its marvelous details can only be understood by seeing the device at work, in the free demonstrations.



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RESULTS OF TESTS AND OFFICIAL VIEWS

- (1) The cab device was repeatedly tested at Salt Lake City with two trains over several miles of equipped track on the Salt Lake division, observed by officials of the Denver & Rio Grande, the Southern Pacific, the Union Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake with complete success. It never failed and the trains always stopped without jolt or jar.
- (2) A committee of seven heads from operating departments of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western examined the M-V device at Washington, N. Y., and pronounced it satisfactory.
- (3) The executive officials of the Erie railroad examined the M-V device at New York city, directed the company's expert engineers to examine it, and all endorsed it.
- (4) Members of the late Train Control Board of the Interstate Commerce Commission examined the M-V device individually and unanimously approved of it.
- (5) Several railroads examined the M-V device at Jacksonville and one road contracted to have it installed before April 31, 1918, from Jacksonville to St. Augustine.
- (6) Thomas J. Kately, general agent of North-Western Railway, largest British road, examined M-V device in New York and approved of it. Many other roads are now making examinations.

OPINIONS OF PRESS AND NOTED EXPERTS

"The M-V All Weather Train Controller is the only one which seems to have found the way to get a controlling influence from the track device into the engine stopping device infallibly in all kinds of weather. Good railroad men, mechanics and business men of this region are investing in this stock. * * * The company is organized on what seems to be a fair basis, no heed that the small investor can never be frozen out."

Editorial Endicott Bulletin.

"The engines were sent toward each other at full speed but invariably stopped at safe distance."

Salt Lake Tribune.

"It has been pronounced technically and practically invulnerable by government and railroad authorities." Electrical Experimenter.

"The M-V System has solved the problem."

Official Report to National Council of Safety.

"The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission the other day registered a demand that automatic protection for lives and property be placed on the railroads. One is now available for all kinds of track in all kinds of weather and the movement has the hearty support of the government as a war measure since not only have large numbers of soldiers been killed in the past few months in train accidents but the government, having become the country's heaviest shipper, feels the loss of millions in military freight smashed up."

Binghamton Press.

"Does not require any physical contact between engine or train and apparatus beside the track, but establishes connection with the signal system by induction. This is independent of snow or ice or ballast or other obstruction."

Railroad Man's Magazine.

SIX GREAT RAILROAD INVENTIONS FOR \$100 HAVE MADE FORTUNES

All expert endorsements and all mechanical success under tests would not make a commercial triumph of this great new invention, however, unless somebody got busy and started the business of manufacture and sale. This has been done. The two inventors and their friends, all poor men, a few weeks ago organized the M-V All-Weather Train Controller Co. for \$2,000,000 with two million shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share. They are inviting the public to become partners with them in this great new business through the purchase of these shares. They offer this to the public rather than sell out to big corporations which have offered either to buy their patents or to buy 51 per cent of the stock of the company. The company as it grows is being directed by the stockholders themselves and in a short space of time they will elect the permanent officers and directors. The stockholders of this city and vicinity will elect one of their own number to serve as a director.

This makes FAIR AND HONEST METHODS certain when it is considered that the executives of the company are bonded and all its accounts audited by the New Amsterdam Casualty Co. of New York City.

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- \$100 in Automatic Block Signal paid \$29,500.
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There are several large railroads which are negotiating to purchase equipment and some of them to save time are arranging to supply the money for the manufacture and installation of the M-V device on their roads. Two such deals come up at the next meetings of the railroads' boards of directors. The passage of one such resolution means the instant withdrawal of the stock from public offer and its increase in price to several dollars per share. There is danger in putting off investigation and purchase of stock.

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RUSSIA TO FIGHT

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undoubtedly would compel the Germans to return to the eastern front the troops they have taken away within the past six weeks, and would make it impossible for the Germans to renew trade relations with Russia in order to obtain much needed foodstuffs.

Snow on Western and Italian Fronts

Snow and inclement weather are holding in check any large scale of operations on the western and Italian fronts. The British and Italians continue to repulse enemy raids at various points, while the German artillery bombardment in the Tynes and Verdun sectors still is very strong.

Increase in Ship Losses

Increased loss of merchantmen is shown in the current British and French reports. Through mines and submarines, the British lost 21 vessels, including 15 of more than 1000 tons, or nine more than the previous week, when 12, including 11 of the larger tonnage, were sunk. French losses were nine steamers of more than 1400 tons, as compared with two in the previous week.

U-Boat Sinkings Increased

December shipping losses were but slightly higher than those in November, which established a low record. Submarine sinkings also are said to have been more common in December than in any previous month, being greater than the number the Germans probably were able to build. Severe weather conditions are believed to have added to the effectiveness of the submarines in that they were compelled to operate closer together and nearer the shore. This fact may account in part for the increase in the number of U-boats caught by the allied fleets.

Compulsory Rationing

Great Britain will put a system of compulsory rationing into effect as soon as the British cabinet sanctions a plan worked out by the food controller. It was officially announced today. Voluntary rationing under government suggestion has been in effect for many months past. Adoption of the new system is in line with the policy announced in the report of the American mission to Europe given out in Washington yesterday, which stated that Great Britain, together with France and Italy had agreed to put into effect a legalized and compulsory control of foodstuffs.

Resumption of Hostilities Imminent

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2 (By the Associated Press).—The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the central powers that the meeting place

of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted.

The halt in the Russia-German peace negotiations and indications of a German refusal to move the conference to Stockholm have revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting with a greatly reduced army, probably three million men.

Even the most radical Bolsheviks and the most ardent peace advocates here declare that the German position is untenable. They declare that the resumption of hostilities is imminent and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing domestic differences and is convincing Russia that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe of the Russian peace delegation today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German peace delegation, suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm. The telegram declared that replies to the message are expected by Russia in Petrograd.

Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms submitted Dec. 12 (Dec. 25 new style) the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-determination of nations insisted upon by the Russian peace delegation and supported by the Russian republic and the central executive committee of the congress of workmen and soldiers' delegates.

Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms, as called under the Brest-Litovsk date by way of Berlin last Sunday, covered the ending of a state of war and evacuation of occupied territory. In article 2, however, it was declared that the people of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Estonia and Livonia demand independence and that the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

Kaiser Calls Leaders

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, despatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin, have aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor von Hertling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. von Ludendorff, Finance Minister

von Roeder and Foreign Secretary von Kuhlmann. The foreign affairs of the German bundestag discussed the Russian situation at the chancellery's palace.

Foreign Secretary von Kuhlmann's return to Berlin is said to have created surprise as did his conference with reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam and they informed Dr. von Kuhlmann that they adhered strongly to the demand that the reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outspoken speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert, for the official socialist and Hugo Haase for the independent socialists.

It is reported that both von Kuhlmann and Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign secretary, returned to Brest-Litovsk, where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

Differences at First Meeting

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Petrograd despatches indicate that differences developed at the first meeting there of the Russian and German commissioners for the discussion of economic relations. The Germans desired to reach an understanding with the Russians regarding regulation of railroad transit between the two countries. The Russian delegates refused to fix regulations without precise definition as to what classes of persons and goods the railroads were to carry.

The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, is quoted in an interview as having said that the commission which is discussing prisoners was taking up only the question of civilian and invalid war prisoners. He said the exchange of able bodied war prisoners could be undertaken only after the signing of peace.

A Petrograd despatch to The Post says a very large proportion of the German war prisoners and a still larger proportion of the Austrians will return to their fighting fronts only under compulsion. They have not been confined in prison camps but have lived among the people.

"Furthermore it is improbable, the despatch says, that Germany desires the return from Russia of a majority of her war prisoners. She will get back the officers and non-commissioned officers in any case. But for both Germany and Austria, the despatch continues, it is a sounder policy to regard the rank and file of these men as the advance guard for commercial conquest. The correspondent adds:

"Allied diplomacy is credited with having conceded to Russia the right to make a separate peace and with endeavoring to save its face by raising the question of the return of German prisoners."

The correspondent contends that diplomacy would be better employed in obtaining a strategic position in the commercial and industrial futures of Russia.

The Petrograd correspondent of The Times says a deep impression has been made in Petrograd by the withdrawal of important French and British despatches there. Many Russians regard this move as premature, believing the present state of affairs cannot last.

The military commissioner of posts and telegraphs in the northern front has sent a notice to the postal and telegraph stations that severe punishment will be inflicted on any person who transmits appeals to French or American socialists, who are characterized as "those imperialist hirelings."

Bolshevik Seize Bank

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Moscow branch of the National City bank of New York, which for several days has been the general office for the collection of all bank notes, was seized by the Bolsheviks Saturday night. H. Dreher, the manager, was not arrested.

rested. The Petrograd branch expects to arrange to take care of the financial needs of American residents in a few days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—News of the Bolshevik seizure of banks in Moscow reached the state department today in diplomatic despatches which, however, made no specific mention of the National City bank's branch.

Raiding Parties Repulsed

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south and southwest of La Bassée, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Norwegian foreign office reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid (1415 tons gross, built in 1915 at Bergen) was torpedoed and sunk while on her way from Bard to Hovden, says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen today. Five men on the Vigrid were killed. Thirteen of the crew were rescued.

SUN BREVITIES

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Born on New Year's day, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Barr, 53 Beach street, a son, Barle Robert. Mrs. Barr before her marriage was Miss Winifred Goggin.

A storage shed to cost \$1000 will be erected by the International Steel & Lumber Co. near its present plant in Middlesex street near the city line. A permit for the erection of the new building was issued this morning at the office of the inspector of buildings at city hall and the permit calls for the construction of a wooden building, one story high, 100 by 20 feet.

Manuel Goussat, residing in South street, had his right foot caught in a chain while at work in the boiler house of the Tremont & Suffolk mills about 10 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell Corporation hospital.

The thawing out of water pipes in the house of W. J. Forays, of 53 Carver street, which is occupied by William J. Terrie, occasioned the sounding of an alarm from box 425, located at the corner of Stromquist avenue and West street, at 8:35 o'clock this morning. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done. Box 425 was recently installed and this is the first time that it was sounded.

Through an unintentional error in The Sun's interview with Congressman Rogers yesterday mention was made of a "Caney of Pleasant" street, being a field clerk in the American headquarters in France. The name should have been Carney and the young man referred to is Francis E. Carney, son of Farrell Carney of St. Pleasant street.

LOWELL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Lowell board of underwriters, held this morning, Mr. Daniel J. O'Brien was elected president, and Mr. H. C. Taft vice president. Mr. Russell Fox was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

A vote of thanks was extended the retiring president, Mr. Frank Brown Murphy, for his untiring efforts in the interest of the board.

In the interests of conservation, it was voted not to hold the annual banquet this year. Plans were discussed for a get-together supper a little later in the season with some speaker from Boston to talk to the board on some timely topic.

WOMAN MURDERED BY MAN AT ACTON

ACTON, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Gabrielle Dettine, was killed by a man who entered her room while she was alone and fired four shots into her body. The police are searching for a man who boarded with the Dettines until last Saturday when their home was burned and they went to live with friends. No motive for the crime is known.

FUNERAL NOTICES

DANE—The funeral of Henry Dane will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ambrose, 9 Alder street. A funeral mass will be said at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SCANLON—The funeral of Mrs. Mary (Daisy) Scanlon will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ambrose, 9 Alder street. A funeral mass will be said at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

WILLIAMS—Died in North Chelmsford, Jan. 1, Rose L. Williams, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Williams, at their home, 11 Gay street. Funeral services will be held at 11 Gay street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

MASS NOTICE

There will be an anniversary mass at the Sacred Heart church Friday morning, Jan. 4, at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Mary Connolly.

FUNERALS

FAYTON—The funeral services of Basil Fayton will take place at the home of her parents in Billerica Centre yesterday, Rev. William L. Walsh, pastor of the Unitarian church of Billerica Centre, officiating. The hearers were by Rev. Mr. Walsh, 31 Manchester street. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Fox Hill cemetery, where the burial service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Walsh. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

SWANN—The funeral services of Fred Swann were held at the Edison cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. Hugh Wallace Smith, pastor of Trinity church, Melrose. The body was placed in the receiving tomb. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

GILLIBRAND—The funeral of Douglas Gillibrand took place Monday afternoon from the home of his brand, 317 West Manchester street. Services were conducted by Rev. Appleton Grannell. Burial took place in Westview cemetery under the direction of Undertaker George B. McKenna.

PRIDE—The funeral of Miss Ann Pride took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of James W. McKenna, 119 Bridge street. The hearers were Messrs. William Reed, Thomas Reed, Daniel Reed and William Welch. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. James Lynch of St. Michael's church read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral director James W. McKenna in charge.

DEATHS

MOODY—Mrs. Lola Hurd Moody, widow of Isaac Moody, died yesterday afternoon at her home in Dracut after a lingering illness, at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 10 days. Mrs. Moody was born at Togus, Me. She came to this city at the age of 16 years to make her home and spent her early life here. She moved to Old Orchard, Me., where she lived for 32 years, coming back to Lowell about four years ago, to reside with her son, Shas. She is survived by one son, Horace E. Moody of this city; one daughter, Miss Endora L. Moody of Hudson, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah A. Godfrey of Water Village, N. H., and Mrs. Mary E. Leighton of Woburn; one granddaughter, Mrs. Harry M. Wood of Brookline; two grandsons, Percy H. and Felton L. Moody of this city; also three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Moody was a former member of St. Paul's M.E. church and when she moved to Maine she took her letter to the Old Orchard M.E. church.

CHARTERS—Reuben P. Charters died at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea yesterday, aged 76 years. Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, William A. Charters of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Frederick M. Sanders of Fitchburg. He was a member of Post 155, G.A.R. Mr. Charters was for many years employed on the Boston & Maine railroad, where he was in charge of road having been in January, 1916.

WELLS—Mrs. Louis Wells nee Adelaide Patenaude, aged 74 years, died today at the home of her son, William, 18 Franklin street, where she leaves her husband, two sons, William and Frank Patenaude, both of Haverhill.

LOWELL BOYS' CLUB BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY ST. ANNE'S WOLVES

The Lowell Boys' club basketball team will play St. Anne's Wolves this evening at the Boys' club hall in Dutton street, and from present indications the game will be one of the fastest seen on a local floor this season. Both teams have been practicing consistently and each quartet will present its best lineup.

GVERNORS COUNCIL DECLINES TO CONFIRM NOMINATION OF PROF. RIPLEY

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The governor's council today declined to confirm the nomination by Gov. McCall of William Z. Ripley, professor of political economy at Harvard, as a member of the state minimum wage commission. The council in a statement said it was felt that because of the opposition of manufacturers to Prof. Ripley's appointment, it would be unwise to have him on the board if he were a member. Opponents who appeared at a hearing yesterday declared that Prof. Ripley was a theorist.

MRS. ANNIE SHERWOOD HAWKS, AUTHOR OF "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" DEAD

BENNINGTON, Vt., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home here today at the age of 52.

While Jessie Ide of Meredith, N. H., was canvassing for the Y. M. C. A., she called on an elderly lady and asked her if she would contribute something. The old lady said she knew what the money would be used for and when told she did not know that there was a war. She explained that she never read a newspaper, had few neighbors and none of them had mentioned the war.

FIRE AT TREMONT AND SUFFOLK MILLS

The members of Hose 8 in Merrimack street were called to the new building of the Tremont & Suffolk mills at the end of Tremont street at 5:15 o'clock this morning to extinguish a fire in some stabling which is being used for the erection of a tunnel from the new mill to one of the other buildings. The stabling was covered with burlap to keep the place from freezing and in some unaccountable manner a fire was started. The watchman on the job rushed to one of the other buildings. The fire was reached the scene it took but a few minutes to extinguish the blaze.

Street Car on Fire

A still alarm at 5:52 o'clock this morning brought the members of Engine 3 to the corner of Merrimack and Suffolk streets where a heater in one of the cars of the Bay State Street railway got afire. The fire was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The arrival of several cars of coal for the local power plant of the Bay State Street Railway Co. is certainly good news to the Lowell public, and according to a report from the local office there is more on the way. At the present time there is a supply of coal which will last for at least two and one-half weeks and there is more to come.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

Two more contributions have been received by Mayor James E. O'Donnell for the Massachusetts Halifax relief fund, one from Joseph Harriss of School street amounting to \$5, and the other from the boys and girls of the Sunday school of the Unitarian church, amounting to \$20.14.

ELECTION EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Newell F. Putnam, who was defeated for commissioner at the recent city election has filed his expense account with the city clerk. For the nomination Mr. Putnam expended \$125.00 and for election, \$55.50.

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Constant and Speedy Despatch of American Troops to European Battle Front

Allied Nations to Arrange Shipping to Provide Necessary Transports—Merchant Ship Building Program Must be Rushed—Closer Cooperation With Allies—American Delegates to Inter-Allied War Council Make Recommendations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transports; the merchant ship building program must be rushed; there is to be closer co-operation between the belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out. These are the principal results, as they affect America, of the recent inter-allied war council in Paris, announced today for the first time by the state department.

These recommendations made by the American delegates, of whom Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, was the head, are the result of the great council of heads of all the co-belligerents.

The Recommendations

The principal recommendations of the American delegates, headed by Col. E. M. House as President Wilson's personal representative, are:

"That the United States exert all their influence to secure the entire unity of effort, military, naval and economic, between themselves and the countries associated with them in the war."

"Inasmuch as the successful termination of the war will be the result of the extension of the United States shipping program, that the government and the people of the United States bend every effort towards accomplishing this result by a systematic co-ordination of resources of men and materials."

"That the fighting forces of the United States be despatched to Europe with the least possible delay, incident to training and equipment."

State Department's Announcement

The following statement by the state department was made public in connection with the recommendations:

"A review of the report filed with the department of state by Col. House, the head of the special war mission which visited Great Britain and France in November, shows that it succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of the war through co-operation of the governments represented at the conferences held in Paris in the various fields of activity and through marshaling the resources of the nations at war with the central powers and co-ordinating their uses under a common authority, thus averting the waste and uncertainties that arise from independent action."

Results Most Gratifying

"The results of the conferences as shown in the report are most gratifying to this government, first because they indicate that the forces were inspired by the desire to be mutually helpful, and second because the agreements, which were reached, when in full operation, will greatly increase the effectiveness of the efforts now being put forth by the United States and the allies in the conflict against Germany and Austria-Hungary."

"A summary of the results accomplished at their conference and the recommendations made by the American mission will indicate the value of the work done and the practical methods which were considered by the conferences and which are recommended in the report."

"The summary of results accomplished is divided under diplomatic, naval, military, finance, shipping and trade, war industries and food. It makes about 2000 words. The sub-headings, naval, military, diplomatic and shipping here follow in full:

NAVAL

"(1)—The formation of an inter-allied naval council to co-ordinate the operation of the naval forces of the United States and her associates in the war so that these forces may in the future be operated as one in the prosecution of the war on the sea and in conjunction with the land forces."

"(2)—By agreement between the British admiralty and the navy department putting into effect certain plans relating to the prosecution of the naval war against the submarines."

"(3)—The formation of a definite plan for the more active utilization of American forces in conjunction with those of nations engaged in the war against the central powers."

"(4)—Agreement with the British admiralty making it possible for American naval officers to keep fully informed of the operations and policy of the British admiralty, so that perfect co-operation between the navy department and that body is secured."

"(5)—Reorganization of American naval forces at French ports."

"(6)—The securing of a full and detailed picture of the naval problem in European waters."

MILITARY

"(1)—After conferences extending over approximately thirty days with the chiefs of staff, members of the general staff and the chief of the allied armies on the western front, as well as with the highest civil officials of the respective governments, the extent of the military effort to be aimed at by the United States was clearly determined."

"(2)—With this determination in mind, negotiations were carried on looking to the pooling of resources for the mutual advantage of all of the countries engaged in the war against Germany."

Germany. The contribution of the United States to this pooling arrangement was agreed upon. The contributions likewise of the countries associated with the United States were determined. This pooling arrangement guaranteed that full equipment of every kind would be available to all American troops sent to Europe during the year 1918.

"(3)—Unqualified support to the resolution adopted by the inter-allied conferences looking to the creation of an allied advisory board charged with the duty of advising the shipping authorities of each nation concerning the allocation of tonnage, so as to permit the American military effort to be realized."

"(4)—Full survey made of problem of debarkation in Europe of American military forces and transportation of such forces and supplies to the bases of military operations."

"(5)—Arrangements made for full co-operation between the United States, Great Britain and France in the production of military instruments and supplies of all kinds."

"(6)—Plans made for the proper organization under naval and military control of ports of debarkation of troops and discharge of cargoes looking to the most economical utilization of tonnage."

"(7)—Participation in military deliberations of supreme war council as a step towards efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations."

"(8)—Full and frank discussion between Col. House as special representative of the government of the United States and the heads of the British, French and Italian govern-

ments with regard to the war policy of the United States and her associates in the war."

"(9)—Participation by the members of the mission in a meeting of the British war cabinet, at which conference a general and useful discussion was had concerning the needs of the allies and the extent of the assistance to be expected from the United States."

"(10)—Participation by the United States in an inter-allied conference held in Paris on Nov. 23."

"(11)—Participation by the United States in a meeting of the supreme war council held at Versailles Dec. 1, 1917, at which conference the representatives of England, France, Italy and the United States there met as a first step towards securing unity of control of the armies on the western front."

"(12)—First steps taken in the establishment of a more perfect liaison between the commanding generals of the United States and the allies."

"(13)—Arrangements made for the financial representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania and Russia, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the financial effort necessary on the part of the United States in order properly to co-operate with the governments."

"(14)—Conferences with representatives of the above mentioned countries for the purpose of perfecting the organization of an inter-allied council which is a priority board whose duty it should be to consider the relative importance and urgency of the financial demands."

"(15)—Arrangements begun for the proper financing of purchases by the countries at war with Germany of supplies from neutral countries."

"(16)—The securing of a full and detailed picture of the financial situation of the inter-allied conference."

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LOWELL MEN GET GOOD APPOINTMENTS

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 3.—Lowell representatives at the general court of 1918 were favored with a number of the most important assignments in the appointment of legislative committees yesterday. A majority of them were appointed to so-called major committees, and four members drew chairmanships.
Rep. Henry Achin, Jr., was again selected as house chairman of the committee on federal relations, considered a most important committee this session because of the fact that the bill relating to the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment will be acted on by that body, and was also reappointed to the committee on military affairs, which likewise is looked upon as a major committee because of the present war.
Senator Arthur W. Cothurn, last year ranking member of the committee on agriculture, now holds the chairmanship besides his old place on roads and bridges and a place on fisheries and game in place of engrossed bills of last year.
The chairmanship of the committee on social welfare, which will act on all bills which may come from the social legislation recommendations of

Governor McCall, is now held by Senator James of Reading, and Rep. Dennis A. Murphy of Lowell was rewarded for good work on the ways and means committee last year by reappointment.
Rep. Victor Francis Jewett of Lowell, according to his own request, retains his chairmanship of railroads and membership on the committee on rules.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER HARRIS IS OPPOSED TO SALE OF SOLDIER'S LOT

A regular meeting of the members of the cemetery commissioners was held late yesterday afternoon in the mayor's reception room at city hall with Chairman Rigby in the chair. The matter of spending the sum of \$19,000 which represents interest on perpetual care money, for the purchase of additional land for the cemetery was discussed at length, but no action was taken.
Frank B. Flanders, custodian of soldiers and sailors' graves was heard relative to the monument which is over the grave of Richard Unsworth, a Civil War soldier. Mr. Flanders said the monument was erected to the memory of the deceased soldier, although it is believed to be over only a part of his grave, and he felt that the monument should be removed. Chairman Rigby was instructed to get all the particulars possible from the owners of the lot and report to the board.
Mr. Flanders also reported that

there are at least 20 lots in the Edison cemetery, where soldiers are buried and which are in neglected condition. He recommended the sale of the lots under the condition that they be cared for by the purchasers. Mr. Taylor moved that the cemetery department fix the lots and sell them with limitations. The motion was passed. Mr. Harris voting against on the ground that he has always been against selling a soldier's lot.
Mr. Taylor announced that there is to the credit of the department the sum of \$13,844.02, money accumulated from interest, and he opposed the turning over of that money in the city treasury. Mr. Harris argued that according to the law creating the cemetery commission all the income of cemeteries goes to the support of cemeteries. Mr. Taylor felt that the money should be kept in savings banks at 4 per cent. interest, but Mr. Harris said that he didn't think that the carrying on of cemeteries should be a money-making scheme and he believed the income should be spent.

Mr. Taylor said the time is coming when the interest on the capital funds must be used to purchase additional ground for the cemetery. Mr. Harris said he believed the city will have to purchase the additional land, but he was informed by Mr. Taylor that the city will never appropriate one cent to buy land. The discussion went on for some time, but no action was taken and finally the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

ALBERT GUILBAULT, HERO

Had it not been for Albert Guilbault, a prominent member of the C.M.A.C. it is probable that Kristov Pavlov, the man who fired a pistol shot in Market Street New Year's morning would have made his escape, for was Guilbault who grappled with him in Merrimack street and after throwing him to the ground, relieved him of his revolver. Guilbault was returning from the second performance at Keith's theatre when he saw the man running in Merrimack street near Suffolk street. After Pavlov had been disarmed he was turned over to the police by Guilbault.

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DESCRIBES GREAT FRENCH VICTORY

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 2. (By the Associated Press).—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a nearby hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in.
"It was a record-making fight in many respects," he declared. "Just think, the French took more prisoners than they had men engaged, which is among the records in military annals. They also captured their first Austrian prisoners."

French Lost Less Than 50 Men

"In addition to the 1400 prisoners we counted 560 dead on the ground and no one knows how many more were in the caverns and under bridges. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than 50 men."

Austrians Cheer French

"When the captured officers were lined up there were 42 Austrians and 2 Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual treatment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told they were to be executed."

"The spirit and enthusiasm of the French troops as they leaped into the enemy trenches are beyond all praise. Their eagerness not only carried them into the trenches but some detachments kept on going until they reached the upper Fieve. They could have held this advanced position, but it would have necessitated reorganizing defenses so the impetuous detachments were ordered to retire."

LOWELL MAN OBJECTS TO APPOINTMENT
Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 3.—Capt. William P. White of the Lowell Paper Tube corporation was one of those who appeared before the governor and council yesterday afternoon in opposition to confirmation of Prof. William Z. Ripley of Newton to be a member of the minimum wage commission in place of Prof. Arthur N. Holcombe, whose term has expired.
Capt. White based his opposition upon the contention that in making his selection, Governor McCall should have chosen a man who would not be distasteful to either side. "This commission," he said, "deals intimately and exclusively with the relations of capital and labor. Recognizing that fact, the legislature has decreed that one of its members shall be a representative of manufacturers and another a representative of labor; the third member should be a man capable of maintaining an absolute balance between the two, a man against whom neither side has any objection. To place on the commission a member opposed by either faction will render effectiveness of the commission, because it will no longer have the confidence of the offended faction."

William P. Creamer, representing the laundry owners' association, declared that eighteen months ago Governor McCall promised to appoint no more theorists on the commission. He said the promise was made in connection with the appointment of Mabel Gillespie as the workers' representative on the commission, and in order to get that appointment confirmed, he said, the governor made the promise in respect to Prof. Holcombe. Governor McCall denied any recollection of such a promise.

GARY SYSTEM ORDERED OUT BY HYLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Elimination of the so-called "Gary plan" from the public school system of New York City was ordered by Mayor Hylan in addressing the seven members of the new board of education, which yesterday assumed their duties. He said the

DEBATES GREAT FRENCH VICTORY

Gary plan was "imported" by the previous administration and became a political issue. "Because holders of the political office sought by use of the power of the funds of the city to dictate school policies."

The mayor said he had been advised by school superintendents that the Gary plan of operation could be eliminated in many, if not all, of the city's schools by the first of February.

MISSAO DECLINES TO ACCEPT POSITION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Asst.-Dist.-Atty. Daniel V. Missao declined last night the second offer from Mayor Curley of the position of corporation counsel, and announced his intention to resign his present position Feb. 1, to enter the private practice of law.
Mayor Curley nominated Mr. Missao for corporation counsel in November, and the civil service commission, at the end of the 30-day period from the custom house. During that year only 393 vessels arrived from overseas as compared with 1241 for the previous year. Passenger arrivals fell off from 21,203 to 9658.

TO INVESTIGATE ALL PRIVATE BANKS

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Bank Commissioner Thorndike recommends to the legislature that a law be enacted requiring proprietors of private banks to notify depositors that their institution is not under the supervision of the state commissioner and also asks for authority to investigate those institutions. He further recommends that no more state-chartered banks and that existing ones be placed under the laws relating to trust companies.
Mr. Thorndike also favors a reciprocal law, exempting from taxation savings bank deposits in this state of persons living in other states, providing the laws of those states extend the same privilege to residents of Massachusetts.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CLINIC

Miss Elizabeth Holway, who has been chairman of the Lowell and Worcester district for infantile paralysis clinics under the auspices of the Harvard infantile paralysis commission, is planning to hold a clinic for the purpose of arranging a date with the board of health for a clinic to be held here in the near future.
Holway stated that she was giving up her infantile paralysis work to go into broader work, that of reconstruction work in the army for the United States government. She will take care of wounded soldiers returning from the war zone. Miss Holway stated that she may be assigned to some reconstruction hospital in Canada. Accompanying Miss Holway this morning was her successor, Miss Blanche Harriman, a graduate of the Lowell General Hospital.

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The great tenor was invited to a demonstration of a new fangled talking-machine attachment which "improved" the music by making it louder in "spots", whenever the player took a notion to make it so.

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Just before stock taking we will make it very pleasant for our customers and also very interesting for our COAT, SUIT and FUR COMPETITORS. We start THURSDAY MORNING to clean up the finest stock of high grade merchandise in the city.

- Ladies' Plush Coats, value \$15.00\$6.98
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- 50 Ladies' Mixture and Plain Coats, sold up to \$15.00.....\$5.00
- 47 \$15.00 Odd Coats for ladies and misses.....\$8.98 Apiece
- 100 Serge and Poplin Dresses, sold up to \$15.00.....\$6.50 Apiece
- 113 \$2.50 Ladies' Heavy Blanket Bathrobes.....\$1.69 Apiece
- Ladies' Kimonos and House Dresses at a great sacrifice.
- Raincoats and Capes for ladies, misses and children, half price.
- Heavy Serge Dress Skirts, fine assortment.....\$1.98 up
- Children's Coats, best values in New England. \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98
- Ladies' \$1.00 Flannel Robes.....79c Apiece
- Children's Little Heavy Flannel Night Robes, value 59c.....39c
- Shirt Waists, all marked down to clean up before stock taking.

CORSET SALE—

- 300 Pairs 75c Corsets.....50c Pair
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THE WEATHER

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M'CALL INAUGURATED Russia to Resume Fighting Hoover AND SEN. REED FOR THIRD TERM If Germany Declines to CLASH AT HEARING

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The governors of all of the New England states attended the inauguration of Governor McCall for a third term today. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a distinguished company, including army and navy officers and citizens, the governors went to Providence to attend a reception by the Town Clerks' association to Governor

Beckman of Rhode Island. While at Providence they planned to discuss a number of matters of general interest to New England.

Gov. McCall's Address

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Gov. Samuel W. McCall in his address to the legislature today upon his inauguration for a third term, said that the United States

COURSE OF TRAINING IN OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Corp. James H. Hogan, of Agawam street who has been stationed at Camp Devens for the past several months has received an appointment as one of the 124 men at the Ayer cantonment chosen to take a course of training in an officers' school which will last from January 5 until April 5.

Corp. Hogan was one of the men here sent to the National Army division 4 exemption board on Sept. 1. Shortly after his arrival at the Ayer camp he was promoted to corporal. He had been stationed with Co. C of the 39th machine gun battalion, "Lowell's boys" company. He is well known in Lowell and before leaving this city to do his bit in the national service he conducted the Sanitary Clothes Service Co. in Gorham street.

Among the other young men to receive appointments as officers in the school are Sergt. Frank S. Burden and Sergt. John W. Lough, both of whose addresses are given as Tewksbury.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The appointment as Russian ambassador to England of M. Tchitcherine not having become effective because of the Russian revolution, the Russian government has now appointed to the ambassadorship the Russian revolutionist, Leon Trotsky, foreign minister, has ordered the Russian embassy in London to hand Mr. Litvinoff all money and documents belonging to the republic. The officials at the embassy say that M. Litvinoff has not yet applied for these, but that if he does he will be given them.

M. Litvinoff has not received any instructions, and frankly declares that he does not wish to take the post. He has booked passage for Russia, intending to start today.

PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HALE BROOK

Special to The Sun.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—In a petition to the legislature today the state department of health asked for an extension of time until the third Wednesday in April to complete its report on a plan for the improvement of Hale's brook in Lowell.

This department was instructed by last year's legislature to prepare a plan for improving the brook, but declares that the war has depleted its engineering force to such an extent that the work could not be completed on time.

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Treatment for the blood, nerves and liver—purifying, strengthening, cleansing, winning its way wonderfully just now—

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the superlative blood purifier and appetite giver, known for over 40 years.

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The department store usually advertises its larger things, its victrolas, furniture, clothing, etc., because these things are the things which count most. But Chalifoux's goes as far as possible to make his store an economy store for everything, large or small. Buttons, pins, needles, etc., can be bought here at the lowest prices. Our stock along this line is not the quality which brings in the most profit to us. It is selected carefully in order to give you the best possible for your money, in order to enable you to economize in little things. It may seem to you that these little things are mere trifles not worth your consideration, but remember the words of Michelangelo, the famous sculptor, "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle."

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Miner-Doyle Orch. Tickets 25c Dancing Free

Come and See the Three (3) Winners

PROBE OF MEAT TRUST AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Investigating the business of dealers in meat waste the federal trade commission today heard testimony of W. S. Ballin, an official of the M. L. Shoemaker Co., dealers in refuse and renderers.

The witness made the charge that the American Agricultural Chemical Co. attempted to force his concern into a price fixing agreement and when it refused declared war which since last May had cost the Shoemaker Co. \$50,000. He testified that E. J. Murphy of the American Co. acknowledged that the competition had also cost the American company about \$50,000. He produced letters from Ballin to the effect that the latter's concern is paying twenty cents a pound for butcher scraps in Philadelphia, sixty or seven cents in New York and only half a cent a pound in Detroit.

NO LOSS OF MORALE AMONG U-BOAT CREWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Admiral Benson, chief of operations, told the house naval committee today it was folly to believe there was any loss of morale among German submarine crews and that from information gathered from German prisoners he believed the morale was the best in the German navy.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED BY YAQUI INDIANS

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 3.—U. J. Poe of Los Angeles, and Miguel Martinez of Nogales, Ariz., Americans, were among the thirty-six persons killed yesterday when Yaqui Indians attacked a Southern Pacific train south of Empalme, Sonora, according to messages reaching the railroad's offices here today.

A relief train which went out from Guaymas, returned this morning with the bodies of the dead. The number killed is placed at 36 in the latest reports. Rumors that several Mexican young women had been carried away by the Yaquis are discredited by the railroad officials.

The attack occurred between Mapoli and Lecho, about 10 miles from Guaymas. Encountering an obstruction on the track, the engineer, Rafael Gutierrez, stopped the train. When the Indians, who were hidden in the brush, attacked the train from the rear. It was in the rear coach that the massacre of the passengers occurred. The Indians fired through the windows and doors until every man, woman and child had been killed or wounded. The military escort of about 70 men on the train was dispersed.

TO THE PUBLIC

The talk to be given by Mr. Arthur Fairbrother

Tomorrow (Friday) at 11.15 a. m. at the

STRAND THEATRE

offers an opportunity which the people of Lowell cannot well afford to miss. The activities of Mr. Fairbrother, of the Providence Journal, have at last been recognized by the United States government and all his time is now at its disposal, with the possible exception of a few dates accepted many months ago. Mr. Fairbrother, who has been an active worker with him, comes not as an understudy, but as a partner, with the knowledge that comes with full participation in the work. Lowell is fortunate in having an opportunity to hear at first hand the story either of these men can tell, which clears up many mysteries, and the general public, and is not only interesting but most instructive.

PLUSH CARRIAGE ROBE LOST

Between depot and North Tewksbury via Middlesex Church, Andover Sts. Finder please return to 166 Central St. Suitable reward.

NOTICE TO WATER TAKERS

The Water Department is confronted with a very serious condition on account of the excessive consumption of water due to the cold weather of the past few days.

At the present writing, every available gallon of water is being pumped into the reservoirs from all the different sources of the Department, and notwithstanding this, the reservoir is falling at the rate of one foot per day, so that only about one day's supply remains in the reservoir. The only way to relieve this situation is to reduce the consumption within the capacity of the Department, and that can be done only by the water takers refraining from letting the water run to prevent freezing. To prevent freezing of meters and pipes, instead of letting the water run, the Department with old newspapers, bagging or some such material. In exceptional cases, where it is necessary to let the water run, a small supply will be enough to keep the water in circulation.

The prospect within the next two or three days is warmer weather, so we appeal to the water takers to take advantage of this and discontinue letting the water run. In case of a freeze-up, the water takers have men ready to relieve the trouble at any time day or night, by telephoning 161-R. We would prefer to do this rather than have the water takers let the water run.

We are about to shut off all drinking fountains and horse troughs and are taking all possible steps to curtail waste, and it is up to the water takers to co-operate with the Department and conserve the supply so as to obviate shutting off certain sections of the city which we do not wish to do, and will not be necessary if each one does his part.

The consumption has increased during the severe cold spell from 6,500,000 gallons per day to 11,500,000 gallons, an excess of 5,000,000 gallons.

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Superintendent.

Approved, GEORGE H. BROWN, Commissioner of Water Works and Fire Protection.

Crisis in Peace Negotiations—Russia Demands Conference be Transferred to Stockholm—Kaiser Sends New Instructions to Delegates—Break Will Upset German Plan for Big Drive in West—Russia Ready to Put 3,000,000 Men in Field

A crisis is nearing in the Russo-German peace negotiations and indications are that a definite break is not far off. The Russian government has demanded that the conference which was to have reconvened on Jan. 4, be transferred to Stockholm, and has protested against the German attitude regarding occupied territory. Resumption of hostilities is not improbable should the Germans decline to meet the Russian demands.

Kaiser Aroused Over Change

Emperor William and the rulers of

Germany apparently are aghast over the sudden change. In the situation, the German and Austrian foreign secretaries are reported hurrying back to Brest-Litovsk with new instructions. German military and political leaders conferred yesterday with the emperor and there is a widespread demand throughout Germany that the reichstag be convened immediately.

Reichstag leaders at a conference with Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann discussed the situation, and the leaders of the regular and independent socialists are reported to have expressed dissatisfaction with the German attitude concerning occupied territory.

May Upset Plans For Drive in West

A breaking off in peace negotiations probably will upset all German plans to press a formidable attack on the western front. Confidence is expressed in Petrograd that the Russian government might put an army of 3,000,000 men in the field and the Bolshevik Red Guard, made up of armed Russian workmen, already has started toward the fighting front. A complete break

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BULLET ENDS POOR OLD DOBBIN'S SUFFERINGS

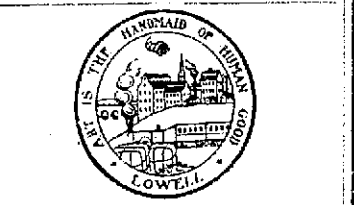
A white horse owned by S. W. Wiggin, wood dealer in First street, fell at the corner of Merrimack and Prescott streets shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon and after the efforts of about 25 men to get the animal on its feet proved fruitless, Agent Richard, son of the Humane society shot the horse through the head.

After the horse fell on the slippery pavement, planks, iron bars and ropes were pressed into service, but all the paraphernalia and the combined strength of 25 men proved fruitless. Finally someone suggested giving the horse a drink of whiskey and the "tip" was taken, for a few minutes later a half pint of ginger and whiskey was administered but even at that the horse refused to make any attempt to rise. A brief conference between the owner of the horse and the agent of the Humane society took place and a few minutes later the horse was shot.

SURPLUS OF POTATOES

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 3.—A. D. Wilson, state food administrator, speaking before the members of the Minnesota Farm Bureau association, yesterday declared there was a surplus of potatoes in the state. He said 100,000 bushels of potatoes in the United States.

"But more potatoes," Mr. Wilson said. "Farmers must realize a loss on their potatoes this year, even below the cost of production. They are perishable, and after a war food fall below corn, beans and wheat."



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We are equipped to enter upon the undertaking at once, and we are certain the advantages will be appreciated when understood. We shall be thankful if permitted to explain the advantages either by letter or interview.

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Approved, GEORGE H. BROWN, Commissioner of Water Works and Fire Protection.

TWO SUSPECTS STILL HELD AT NORFOLK

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3.—All but two of the twenty suspects caught in the police cordon thrown about the city to find responsibility for the \$2,000,000 fires New Year's day, have been released. Johannes Minor and his son still are held because they are unutilized and have no enemy alien permits to be in a barred zone.

REPORT TWO SOLDIERS FROZEN TO DEATH

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 3.—Two soldiers while doing guard duty here are reported to have been frozen to death Saturday and Sunday night. Their death certificates will be filed in discharge of duty. No official announcement is available.

KILLED SEVEN HORSES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The war department had no report today that soldiers had been frozen to death at Newport News.

AGREEMENT WITH RAILROAD LABOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—After a three hour conference today with heads of the four railway brotherhoods, Director-General McAdoo said that some definite agreement on all relations of railroad labor to the government management would be made soon. The conference will continue tomorrow.

A general adjustment of passenger schedules involving general curtailment of service now considered certain. This now was discussed today between McAdoo and passenger traffic representatives of eastern railroads. Later the question of the war contract issues, including the war contract issues, were discussed which will report recommendations to Mr. McAdoo, probably tomorrow.

SKATING AT SHEPPARD PARK

There is an excellent skating surface at Sheppards park at present, as a result of the continued cold weather. On account of the schools being closed this week, a large number of school children are taking advantage of the good skating and this afternoon there was a fairly good crowd "out there." The cold weather, however, has served to keep the attendance below normal.

TAKE ONLY THOSE IN CLASS ONE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Protest Marshal General Crowder, reporting to congress today on the progress of the draft, expressed for the first time a definite promise and aim of the government not to take for army duty any other men than those listed in class one of the new draft questionnaire.

This classification excludes entirely married men, whose wives or families are dependent on them for support, and other men with dependents. Gen. Crowder does this on the estimate that 1,000,000 men physically fit for army duty will be available from class one. This number he thinks sufficient for the present military needs of the nation, but to assure the future supply for those needs he recommends that men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, (the first draft) and who become of age hereafter, shall be added to class one as they become available.

ADVANCE IN STOCKS AT OPENING TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Stocks took another decided upward turn today, the reason most generally advanced being the further signs of a collapse of the Russo-Futonic peace negotiations, which were sluggish at the opening of the market. Forward leaders gained 2 to 3 1/2 points. Steamship shares gained 1 1/2 to 3 points and numerous equities, including the war contract issues, were 2 to 5 points higher for New York Air Brake. Trading was fairly active, the turnover approximating 700,000 shares. Commission houses were a decided factor in the movement, reporting a marked increase in public and speculative interest.

The market fairly boomed during the noon hour, its export traffic extending to industrial and specialties. Buying was in heavy volume.

U. S. Steel came into further prominence on its advance to 37 3/8, an overnight gain of 2 points and at most 20 points over its low quotation of a fortnight ago. Tobacco and leathers also strengthened 2 to 3 points, gas shares 4 to 5 and National Biscuit featured the specialties at a gain of 8 points.

The market, however, completely reversed its course in the last hour, heavy selling causing recessions of 4 to 4 points among leaders, many of which closed at net losses. Sales were estimated at 1,350,000 shares.

EXPORT TRAFFIC AFFECTED BY THE SHORTAGE OF COAL AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Statements that the country's export traffic is being affected by the coal shortage at this port were made here today by men endeavoring to remedy the situation.

Eighty-four of the New York Central railroad's fleet of lighters are loaded with export freight which has not moved seaward because steamships have been unable to obtain the necessary bunker coal it was asserted by the manager of the road's marine department.

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LOWELL ROAMING IN THE GLOAMING

Lowell will observe her first "lightless night" this evening, in accordance with a recent order of the fuel administrator.

If you happen to be down-town and things look rather gloomy, don't conclude too hastily that "there's a break at the electric light place." The real reason for the Stygian atmosphere will in all probability be the patriotic impulses of Spindle City merchants who are willing to do their bit in co-operation with the fuel administrator by doubling their illumination.

The order of the fuel administrator, which is to be carried out in Lowell for the first time this evening is as follows:

"Electric signs of every kind, including merchants' signs, theatre signs, and display lighting on buildings and elsewhere, must be dimmed this evening. Signs are to be ordered discontinued on Thursday and Sunday nights of each week.

At these same nights establishments not open for business must not show inside lights more than are necessary for safety.

The Lowell Electric Light corporation has asked its customers to co-operate with it in carrying out this order, and from present indications there is no doubt that the citizens of Lowell in the Spindle City this evening.

In conversation with a Sun representative this morning, an official of the fuel administrator, Mr. Crowder, said that owing to the short time in which the company had to request its customers to comply with the order of the fuel administrator in the largest city in the world, just how far-reaching the effects of the order would be on the first lightless night, Lowell's white way will not be as dimmed as expected, according to the official, because this class of lighting is not yet considered display lighting by the fuel administrator.

As to whether or not the theatres would be allowed to keep their display signs illuminated for an hour or so before the performance, as had been the custom in the largest city in the world, the official replied that the order of the fuel administrator in regard to the curtailment of display illumination had been superseded by the one quoted above, which curtails all lighting except that which is absolutely necessary for safety.

The majority of Lowell's large downtown stores are closed on Thursday evening, but it has been the custom almost universally to keep the window displays illuminated. If the merchants are to carry out the latest government order this evening, however, the windows will be in practical darkness with just enough light inside the stores to allow police officials to see that everything is what it should be on the "lightless hours of the night."

The next "lightless night" will be observed Sunday evening.

The Ladder to Her Window

Every normal young man hopes to get married. Perhaps you have the girl in mind right now. If you have not, you will have.

Marriage implies responsibilities. You do not want to take a girl into poverty to begin your partnership.

Begin saving your money now. Put it into the bank, where it will increase.

Then when the time comes to ask her, you can hold your head up and ask her like a man.

Interest begins January 1st in the Savings Department.

For 88 years this Bank has been serving the public of Lowell.

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25 CENTRAL STREET The Oldest Bank in Lowell

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PLUMBERS, STEAM, GAS AND WATER FITTERS

243 Dutton St. Telephone 1814

SAW BRITISH SINK TWO GERMAN U-BOATS

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—John M. Spillane, of 263 Hancock street, Dorchester, who on nine voyages in the last year and a half, as seaman, coal trimmer, horse tender and quartermaster, has eight times narrowly escaped from the torpedoes and shells of German submarines, has returned from his latest trip through the danger zone with the most satisfying experience yet, having been in the midst of two U-boats accounted for by the British.

Evidence of unusual activity by the enemy was to be seen in the English channel on this trip. A few hours after clearing port, a torpedo came plowing shoreward astern, missing the steamer by scarcely 10 feet. Its course through the water was clearly marked by a trail of white foam, and finally, landing up against a cliff a mile away, it exploded with a force that tore down the whole embankment.

There were a number of ships in the convoy and one was badly hit twice, resulting in a disabled propeller, so that she had to be towed to the nearest port. Not a periscope was visible. The sea was fairly calm, and with lookout doubled on the bridge, the bow, orders for full steam ahead were given, that being practically the only safety principle when under convoy, Mr. Spillane said.

Fighting Out U-Boats

Just before leaving Dover the British destroyers, which had been circling about at a high speed, were seen to draw together and concentrating their attention on a small bit of the ocean about a mile and a half off shore. That they had ferreted out a nest of U-boats soon became apparent, as the destroyers began to fire at the enemy ships crowded to the rails to watch the encounter.

One submarine was forced to the surface and ending itself closely hemmed, attempted a speedy submergence. A shell from a destroyer crashed through it, however, as it was going down, and great bubbles and splashes of oil on the surface told its fate. Two destroyers pursuing another submarine crowded it towards the shore. It was forced up on the beach and eventually crumpled like an egg-shell. The coast guards could be seen running down and removing the prisoners.

There were 19 prisoners taken from that little smashed-up devil machine, said Mr. Spillane. "I was on the last day when they were brought to the police station. One was the tallest man I have ever seen, all of 6 feet 8 inches high, and from way off you could see his head sticking up through the top of people who crowded round for a look at the prisoners."

The men were black with grease and oil and didn't look particularly brave just then, with a mob of several thousand clamoring for a look at them and the bobbies forming a very busy guard of honor.

What to Do in the Danger Zone

Leaving port the following day the return trip proved quite uneventful.

BEAUTIFUL HAIR THICK, WAVY, FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Draw a Moist Cloth Through Hair and Double Its Beauty at Once.

Save Your Hair! Dandruff Disappears and Hair Stops Coming Out.

Immediate?—Yes! Certain?—That's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after an application of Danderine. Also try this:—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and, carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is straggly, faded, dry, brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. Danderine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating, stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

You can surely have pretty, charming, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will spend a few cents for a bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it as directed.

Gas Fixtures, Globes, Mantles, Etc.

Welch Bros Co.
73 MIDDLE STREET

COAL NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS

Coal may be had to be carried from the yards by the customer in 100 lb. lots at the following places:—
E. A. Wilson Co., Broadway; Horne Coal Co., Thorndike and Hale Sts.; Jos. Mullin, Gorham St.; John P. Quinn, Gorham St.; Stanley Coal and Transportation Co., Moody St.
And at 60c a 100 lbs. at S. W. Wiggin, First St.
Coke may be had at the following places to be carried from the yards by the customer in 2 bushel lots at 45c for 2 bushels.
Horne Coal Co., Thorndike and Hale Sts.; Stanley Coal and Transportation Co., Moody St.; S. W. Wiggin, First St.
And at the Gas Co. Works, School St., for 35c for 2 bushels.
This arrangement is made for the benefit of families having little or no storage room and such people are urged to buy their coke and coal in this way. Others are requested to buy in the regular way and small lots will not be sold to those who have ample storage facilities.

MISERABLE FROM STOMACH TROUBLE

Felt Wretched Until He Started To Take "Fruit-a-lives"

504 CHAMPLAIN ST., MONTREAL.

"For two years, I was a miserable sufferer from Rheumatism and Stomach Trouble. I had frequent Dizzy Spells, and when I took food, felt wretched and sleepy. I suffered from Rheumatism dreadfully, with pains in my back and joints, and my hands swollen.

A friend advised "Fruit-a-lives" and from the outset, they did me good. After the first box, I felt I was getting well and I can truthfully say that "Fruit-a-lives" is the only medicine that helped me". LOUIS LABRIE.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. Attall dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

The only danger when under convoy is from torpedoes. No submarine would dare come to the surface to shell you."

What to do when one is being shelled by a submarine was also described by Mr. Spillane, who has had numerous experiences in such affairs. A year caused by a splinter from the deck shattered by a shell still marks his forehead. That was one of the crew of the Columbian when that ship was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean and was again shelled on the ship which picked them up. Regularly since then with only one exception each of his voyages has brought him into a new encounter with the submarine.

"Get up on deck," he said, "and lie flat on your face as soon as you're being fired at. That's the only way you can keep the splinters from getting under your skin. As for what to do if a run back and forth on deck like mad. Whenever a shell struck in the bow, there would be a great rush aft. As like as not the ship would strike there, every man would beat it for the bowsprit."

"The only man who really has to stick to his post for such a time, aside from the gun crew if there is one, and the submarine is not too far out of range, is the quartermaster, though if there is a chance of escape through superior speed the men in the stockhole and in the engine rooms may be kept busy too."

"The quartermaster's job is the most dangerous for the bridge is always made a target and is pretty sure to be struck. On one trip—it was when I was limping coal on the deck—Zedonian, a submarine, suddenly popped up about three-quarters of a mile away, and sent three shells at us before we could speed away. Only the fact that there is one and that carried off the bridge, killing the quartermaster and seriously wounding the second mate."

"No sailor ever speaks seriously about submarines when he's behind for the danger zone. They are joked about and made fun of, but otherwise nobody on shipboard mentions them for fear he'll be pointed to and called a coward."

"But when a U-boat begins banging away at the ship all pretension is forgotten, and the only sane thing to do is to fall flat on one's deck and take your chance. Orders are now generally given for the men to come up from below and hug the decks."

BOARD OF TRADE MAKES CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

At a general meeting of the board of trade held at the board rooms recently, it was voted to make the following changes in the by-laws in order that the board may expand and secure more money in fees from members as well as assuring the organization being an effective factor in future industrial and commercial problems of the city:

Section 2, article 1, of the by-laws was revised as follows:

"Any subordinate association, as organized in accordance with article 1 of these by-laws, shall have one representative on the board of directors, in addition to those before provided for."

Section 1 of article 4 of the by-laws was also amended as follows:

"Any corporation doing business in Lowell may become a corporate member of the board of trade in the name of the corporation, and shall pay annual dues and be entitled to representation in the board of trade in accordance with the following scale:

Amount of Capital	Annual Dues
\$500,000 or more	\$100.00
\$200,000 to \$500,000	75.00
\$100,000 to \$200,000	50.00
\$50,000 to \$100,000	25.00
Under \$50,000	20.00

All banks shall pay annual dues to the amount of \$100.00 and shall be entitled to representation on the board of trade in accordance with the above scale.

The dues for individual membership in the board of trade shall be five dollars per annum.

"The dues for every member of each subordinate association, as set forth in article VII of these by-laws, shall be five dollars per annum in addition to the five dollars for general membership."

TWENTY CARRIED DOWN ICE-GLAD LADDERS BY NASHUA FIREMEN

NASHUA, N. H., Jan. 3.—Twenty ladders were rescued from a fire at the logging house of Mrs. Katz, at School

PRICE OF MILK AT HOME SET AT 141-2 CENTS

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The price of milk delivered at homes will be 141-2 cents, beginning next Sunday morning. This is an increase of half a cent over the present price.

On the same date the producers will receive 81-2 cents a quart for his product, an increase of one cent a quart over what he is now receiving. These prices were agreed upon by the federal regional milk commission for New England, which has conducted hearings here as to the cost of production, distribution, etc. All parties have agreed to these prices, that is, producers and distributors.

Under the agreement there will be no cut-rate milk stations opened. In the opinion of the commission the farmers and distributors who have lost money in the past two months will be able to recoup their losses.

Consumers will still have the benefit of lower price milk if they go to the stores for it, where it may possibly be bought cheaper as the distributors still charge a stockpiling cost but 12-1-2 cents by the quart and seven cents by the pint. The commission does not say just how much the storekeepers may charge, but it is believed reasonable to suppose that they will be willing to sell at a smaller margin of profit.

TRY TO CUT FINGER TO SECURE DIAMOND

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 3.—A \$250 diamond ring, worn by Chee Wong of Boston, a federal prisoner, caused an attack upon him in the yard of the state prison by two other prisoners yesterday.

The ring fitted so tightly that Wong was unable to remove it when committed and was permitted to wear it. One of his associates had a knife, with which an attempt was made to cut off Wong's finger.

Wong fought the men until overpowered, but was saved by another Chinese prisoner, Jew Sang. Sang was cut on the fingers before the guards arrived.

SOLDIER - MAYOR BIDS FAREWELL TO DOVER

DOVER, N. H., Jan. 3.—Sergeant Maj. Fred N. Beckwith, Dover's soldier-mayor, home on a flying trip from Camp Devens, made his official farewell at the inaugural ceremonies yesterday, when ex-Alderman Fred C. Smalley was sworn in as his successor.

While at city hall many crowded around him to grasp his hand. Reviewing the past transactions of the year Mr. Beckwith mentioned the retiring of \$23,000 of the bonded debt, including the \$2000 cemetery note, for which no provision was made in the annual tax budget, and the paying of more than \$10,000 of extraordinary and unforeseen claims, most of them incidental to the war, and at the same time leaving a cash balance in the treasury of \$82,031.60, an increase of \$12,000 over that of 1916.

He commended acting Mayor Alonzo G. Willard for the "able manner in which he has interpreted and carried out the policy of the administration."

Mayor Smalley, in his inaugural address, recommended that no new construction be entered into that was not absolutely necessary for the city's progress, and that the most rigid economy be exercised in all the departments as was maintained from ward 1 president and re-elected William E. Whitley clerk.

These other officials were chosen: Fred E. Quinby, city clerk; Valma C. Gaverly, city messenger; John T. Welch, city treasurer; Harry A. Morrison, tax collector; Thomas Sherry, assessor for three years; Albert C. of the assessors; Everett J. Galloway, city solicitor; Dr. Roland J. Bennett, city physician; Charles E. King, school committee member from ward 2; Norman E. Seavey, school committee member from ward 1.

The 1917 council gave a cut glass desk set to Col. Charles B. Corson, who retires after 18 years' continuous service as messenger. The presentation speech was made by Alderman Alonzo G. Willard. Col. Corson was recently elected grand keeper of records and seals of the Pythian order in this state, and will devote all his energies to that office.

This is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VOTES TO ENTER CHURCH UNION

The annual meeting of the members of the First Trinitarian Congregational church was held last evening, and in the course of the evening the election of officers was held and it was voted to unite with the First Congregational and the Kirk Street Congregational churches.

The result of the election was as follows:

Clerk, Charles T. Upton; treasurer, Charles E. Barnham; deacons for three years, Charles H. Clogston and Lawrence W. Keizer; trustees for three years, Nelson C. Hill and Mrs. J. W. Keizer; for two years, George H. Upton; superintending of Sunday school, Nelson C. Hill; auditor, George H. Upton; standing committee, Mrs. E. C. Wells, Mrs. L. F. Cutting, Jennie Clark, in addition to the deacons; directors of Sunday school, Mrs. C. T. Upton, Mrs. G. E. Ames, Mrs. J. C. McGraw, Mrs. E. F. Barnham, Mrs. Luther Coughlin; committee of church, Margaret Robertson, Mrs. C. McGraw, Mrs. E. F. Barnham; discipline committee, Mrs. Mary French, E. H. Sunbury, F. H. Murphy, W. H. Dunlap; committee on poor, Mrs. William A. Sarlow; visiting committee, Mrs. Frances Kennison; chairman, Jennie Middleton; Mrs. Burt McKelvey; Mrs. Marion Merrill, E. J. Kingsley, W. H. Harvey; delegates to Andover conference, Fannie H. Murphy, Harriet Wheeler, Mrs. G. E. Ames, Mrs. C. G. Sherman, C. H. Clogston.

WAGE EARNERS' CLUB

The members of the Wage Earners' club held a meeting at 22 Middle street last evening, and transacted business of importance. It was announced that an important meeting will be held Saturday evening, and it is expected that all the delegates will attend.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Notes—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KETTES THEATRE

With beautiful Mary Garden featured in the most magnificent production of "Thais," and with vaudeville that is alive every minute of the time, the bill at the B. F. Kettes theatre, this week, may be said to be one of the best of the entire season. "Mrs. Rit-

SALE STARTS TOMORROW

January Clearance Sale

ALL DRESS HATS, SPORT HATS AND UNTRIMMED SHAPES INCLUDED. TRIMMINGS, TOO, ALSO ENTER THE FIGHT FOR LOWER PRICES.

SEE THESE DIFFERENT LOTS

All Priced for Immediate Clearance

TRIMMED HATS

In black and colors, trimmed with ribbon, velvet, flowers and fancy feathers.

REGULAR PRICE \$3.98

SALE PRICE \$1.98

TRIMMED HATS

Made of black and colored velvets, trimmed with ostrich bands, pom poms and velvet ribbon.

REGULAR PRICE \$5.98

SALE PRICE \$3.98

UNTRIMMED HATS

Newest shapes, such as mushrooms, sailors and military turbans, in black, blue, brown, white and gray.

REGULAR PRICE \$1.98, \$4.98

SALE PRICE 69c to \$1.98

SEE MERRIMACK STREET WINDOW DISPLAY

The Bon Marche

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All Priced for Immediate Clearance

TRIMMED HATS

In small, medium and large shapes, prettily trimmed with narrow gold and silver ribbon and ornaments.

REGULAR PRICE \$4.98

SALE PRICE \$2.98

TRIMMED HATS

Stylish Hats made of gold lace, satin and bound with fur, trimmed with algerettes, goura, wings and small flowers.

REGULAR PRICE \$7.98, \$8.98

SALE PRICE \$4.98

TRIMMED HATS

Extra good assortment of flowers and fancy feathers of all kinds.

REGULAR PRICE 39c, 49c, \$1.98

SALE PRICE 19c, 25c, 98c

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OUR CLEARANCE SALE

Of High Grade

COATS, SUITS, DRESSES

Continues Friday and Saturday

Here are wonderful opportunities to purchase Women's Ready-to-Wear Apparel at fraction of their true worth and value. Each garment offered is a smart fashionable model of this season's most favored styles. It's only to make room in our store that such reduced prices are in order to guarantee quick clearance.

COME IN AND LOOK OVER THESE TEMPTING REDUCTIONS

play a week's return engagement, in one of the principal roles of "Charley's Aunt," a comedy that has enjoyed general favor in the theatrical world for a longer number of years than many of the more popular ones. Remember Mr. Crohan's engagement is for one week only. His many friends and admirers here will be out in force to greet him. First performance Monday matinee.

THE STRAND

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, the great co-stars of the Metro company, will appear in their latest release, "The Voice of Conscience," at The Strand during the last three days of the week. This production is a story in a most interesting way a story of the Southland and in it both stars are seen in their best parts.

Another real surprise is in store for the theatregoers next week when Joe Crohan, one of Lowell's biggest favorites of two seasons back, will

win. The play itself is a most interesting mixture of good drama, happy romance and comedy that combine in making excellent entertainment. One must see the entire four acts before thinking of naming the piece. The first act alone might serve to give one a hint that looks awfully good but after the second act is gone through, the angle so far as getting a suggestion for a title, is completely changed. It is best then to see the play from beginning to end before suggesting a name. The award will be made next Monday night when the committee reports and the presentation of the prize of \$25 in gold made. All patrons are invited to take an active part in the contest.

The number and variety of titles suggested by patrons of the Opera House to the play, without a name being put on the list, is a record. The committee of five which is to select a

lot of two seasons back, will

One can't help liking them both, particularly Mr. Bushman, whose interpretation of two roles is not only clever but truly artistic.

June Caprice, as charming and pretty as ever, will appear in one of her biggest hits, "Unknown 274," a story concerning an orphan girl who faces life under disadvantages, but who climbs the ladder of success and ends by becoming the wife of a millionaire. See the picture and find out how she does it. It's wonderfully interesting, and supporting Miss Caprice is an excellent cast. The remainder of the program consists of one of those funny Mack-Sennett Keystone comedies and the ever interesting and instructive Strand Reviews. The musical numbers by the Strand Symphony Players and the vocal selections by Henry Kelley are always enjoyable.

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STATEMENT

At close of business December 1, 1917

ASSETS

Bonds and Bank Stocks.....	\$1,326,863.75
Real Estate Loans.....	2,551,933.64
Personal Security Loans.....	376,230.00
Real Estate Bank Building.....	71,928.60
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	87,210.83
	\$4,414,166.82

LIABILITIES

Deposits.....	\$4,085,934.76
Guaranty Fund.....	206,048.48
Profit and Loss.....	34,415.13
Undivided Earnings (less taxes and expenses).....	87,768.45
	\$4,414,166.82



REGULATIONS

Deposits from \$1 to \$1000 will be received daily, and will begin to draw interest from the first Saturday in March, June, September and December.

Deposits may be allowed to accumulate to \$2000 by the addition of dividends.

Deposits may be made by mail, by check, Postoffice or Express money order.

Dividends are payable semi-annually on the Monday following the first Saturday of June and December.

Dividends not called for will be added to the principal, and shall be entitled to interest from the time the same are payable, as much as the original deposits.

Dividends shall be allowed on no greater sum than \$2000.

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HOOVER WANTS U. S. TO HANDLE ALL SUGAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Governor Hoover said today that the government will take over the handling of all sugar used in the United States and control of the amounts and kinds of food to be served in public eating places were advocated to meet the abnormal war conditions by Food Administrator Hoover yesterday in testimony before the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage.

Mr. Hoover said additional legislation conferring upon the food administration such powers should be enacted by congress.

Food conservation came up only casually during an all-day examination of Mr. Hoover, but the administrator revealed that results from conservation plans formulated for hotels and restaurants had been disappointing because of the deliberate failure of some to co-operate with the administration.

Those seeking to help had been forced to abandon their efforts, Mr. Hoover said, in order to meet competition.

The witness believed housewives generally were conforming to the conservation recommendations.

Heed Rites Hoover
Chairman Reed of the committee, who has been the chief critic of the food administration in the senate, did not question Mr. Hoover, Senator

Lodge conducting the examination most of the day.

Late in the session, however, Senator Reed and Mr. Hoover engaged in a rather heated discussion when witness asked to have admitted to the committee records the statement on the sugar situation which Mr. Hoover sought to submit before the holidays and which later was made public at the White House.

Chairman Reed said he wanted to examine the statement overnight and that the question of admitting it to the records would be determined later. He added that he wanted to question the witness further on it.

Mr. Hoover finally declared, with an apparent show of heat, that he did not "care whether it was introduced or not."

Talks of Three Pounds a Month
Mr. Hoover said the sugar supply for next year promised to be 300,000 tons short of the estimated demand, but it was hoped to solve the shortage by conservation and limitation of supply to manufacturers of non-essential foodstuffs.

While he thought it might be necessary to limit per capita consumption to three pounds a month, the witness said he did not consider the principle of limitation of personal consumption sound because it tended to cause discontent among the people.

The administrator explained his desire to have the food administration's view of the sugar situation presented early in the investigation by saying

that testimony before the committee, that there was plenty of sugar in the country, was not proved by the facts as he knew them and tended to offset the administration's campaign for conservation.

He said he regarded it as vital that his statement should counteract the testimony "as quickly as possible and thought his own statement on the situation would be more convincing than that of George M. Rolph, head of the administration's sugar division.

Would Equalize Profits
In urging government purchase of sugar, Mr. Hoover explained to the committee that through that method alone could refiners be paid an equitable price.

He said some beet factories are making huge profits at the 735 cents a pound agreed upon for beet sugar, but, on the other hand, a factory in Michigan and "one or two" in Colorado actually are losing money at that price.

His plan, he said, is for the government to purchase from beet factories at different prices based on the cost of production, buy cane sugar at prices on the same basis, pool the entire lot and sell to the consumer at one price.

Dependent on Patriotic Men
The witness declared that the Cuban prices had been fixed by a committee formed of refiners at a price advantageous to them. The price, he said, was fixed by the state department and the International Sugar Committee had nothing to do with it.

The Cuban government wanted 5.55 cents a pound, he said. The committee deemed this too high and as the state department then was negotiating with the Cuban government on the matter, the committee dropped it.

A price of 4.60 cents finally was agreed upon by the state department and the Cuban government, he said.

Mr. Hoover defended the food administration's action in naming the refining company an officer of the Argentine Refining Company and Mr. Rolph as the American members of the committee, saying this country could be represented properly only by refiners.

"We are primarily dependent in these times on patriotic men who understand their business and the administrator. It is impossible, for me to go into all the details, but I would have risen far above normal saying price-fixing had been a failure in England."

The witness explained that when he so testified England did not control commodities on which it attempted to fix prices. He argued that price-fixing of government-controlled commodities was advisable to meet an emergency.

Mr. Hoover maintained that the food administration's action on sugar has prevented prices from doubling and he declared that isolated cases where dealers had sold for 15 or 20 cents would have risen to 50 cents if not for the government's action.

Noting the testimony of Claus A. Spock, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, that raw sugar was going through New York from Cuba to Canada, when no sugar was to be sold in New York, Mr. Hoover said 1000 or 5000 tons did go

through to a Canadian manufacturer who was paying higher prices. The attention of the Canadian government was called to the matter, the shipments were stopped and the manufacturer dealt with for violating his price agreement.

Lowell to Have Male Beauty Contest
Do you know a good looking soldier from Camp Devens?

If so, get in touch with him at once and urge him to enter the first male beauty contest ever held in Lowell which will take place this evening in Associate hall.

Three competent judges will decide the "triumphant trio" of olive drab men who will enter after he has been in the most handsome man at the Avon cantonment. The entrant's age or previous condition of servitude will not enter into the judgment and whether a man comes from Lowell or Lawrence will not have the slightest bearing on his chance for success.

In connection with the beauty show there will be general dancing for the Apollo and their friends with Minner Doyle's orchestra furnishing music. It is expected that a large number of the fair sex will be present at this evening's contest and it is probable that many of the girls will enter their favorites for the beauty honors.

Cough Nearly Gone in 24 Hours
That's the usual experience with this home-made remedy. With little-try it.

Anyone who tries this pleasant tasting home-made cough syrup, will quickly understand why it is used in more homes in the United States and Canada than any other cough remedy. The way it takes hold of an obstinate cough, giving instant relief, will make you regret that you never tried it before. It is a truly dependable cough remedy that should be kept handy in every home, to use at the first sign of a cough during the night or day time.

Any druggist can supply you with 25¢ boxes of Pinex (60¢ per box). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. The total cost is about 65 cents and you have a full pint of the most effective remedy you ever used.

The quick, lasting relief you get from this excellent cough syrup will really surprise you. It promptly heals the inflamed membranes that line the throat and air passages, stops the annoying throat tickle, loosens the phlegm, and soon your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of Norway pine extract, and is famous the world over for its healing effect on the membranes.

To avoid disappointment ask for "25¢ boxes of Pinex" with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., St. Wayne, Ind.

PARTY AT ASSOCIATE HALL UNDER AUSPICES OF ST. PATRICK'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The members of St. Patrick's Holy Name society and a large number of their friends comfortably filled Associate hall last evening and enjoyed an excellent concert and dancing party.

The hall was elaborately but attractively decorated. The stage was adorned in a pale blue setting and the national colors formed a tasteful and patriotic background. Minner Doyle's orchestra was on the stage and the scene as a whole was an unusually pretty one.

The concert began at 8 o'clock and a large number of capable local soloists were on hand to make the evening a pleasant one. A chorus composed of the young boys of the Junior

troupe, chief aid, Dominic Molloy, assistant chief aid, William Ambrose, John Boland and George L. Campbell; aids, Patrick Cunningham, Robert Dalton, Joseph Dineen, James Flannery, Peter Gill, Daniel McCarthy, Edward E. Connolly, Frank McGaraghan, Patrick McGarrell, John Stapleton, Timothy O'Sullivan, Walter Stapleton, Richard Scannell, James Walsh, George Welton and reception committee, John J. Sullivan, chairman, and all members of the society.

Annual Meeting and Supper at the Pawtucket Congregational Church
The annual meeting of the Pawtucket Congregational church was held last night and was preceded by the regular supper which was enjoyed by all present. There was a large attendance of the members and the reports of the various committees proved to be interesting as well as encouraging.

Mr. John Howker was chosen clerk and treasurer for the coming year. Supper was served in the vestry at 4.15 o'clock by the ladies of the church and the business meeting was opened at 8.30 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. A. G. Lyon, as moderator. The clerk of the parish, Charles A. Richardson, read the report of the year, which was found satisfactory in every way, as was also that of the treasurer of the parish, Leonard M. Ryan.

Then came the reports of the various societies of the church and the Sunday schools. Miss Bertha Douglass reported for the cradle roll, which showed an increase. The kindergarten department, reported by Miss Ethel Armstrong, also showed an increase in membership and Miss Helen Chadwick, superintendent of the junior department, reported for her section. The Sunday school as a whole was reported by Secretary Mabel Armstrong and showed good progress.

Then came the reading of the names of the star scholars, who are: Miss Helen Mansfield, who has won this honor for eight consecutive years; Miss Ethel Armstrong and Norman and Clifford Rice.

Arthur Corson reported for the Music Opti class of young men, and among the features of his report was the fact that 15 of the young men of this class have enlisted for the service of the country. Miss Ethel Armstrong, secretary of the Junior Christian Endeavor, reported for that society.

Holy Name society under the direction of Rev. Brother Nilus gave several numbers and their efforts were more than appreciated.

Timothy Rohan, president of the society, had general charge of the concert program. Rev. Joseph A. Curtin, the society's chaplain and spiritual director, was present and was one of the happiest of those who enjoyed the evening's pleasure.

The concert program was as follows: Overture, orchestra; song, Miss Frances Tighe; song, Miss Catherine T. Sharkey; chorus, medley, Junior Holy Name members; song, "Sailing Away on the Henry Clay," Master Wm. Chandler; song, "The All Round Round With the Mason-Dixon Line," Edward B. Connolly, and finale, "The Star Spangled Banner," assembly. The accompanist was Michael Johnson.

The officers of the dance were: General manager, Timothy Rohan, president; assistant general manager, William J. Pendergast, vice president; floor director, John T. McMahon; assistant floor director, Stephen Shu-

ty, and Winthrop Bartlett spoke for the Senior C. E.

The treasurer of the Sunday school, Joseph E. Y. Coburn, Jr., reported a good financial condition.

Miss Cora M. Bartlett and Mrs. O. F. Ellis reported prosperity in the work of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary societies respectively, and Joseph E. Y. Coburn, Jr., for the Boy Scouts, reported good work among the Scouts, George Welton and reception committee, John J. Sullivan, chairman, and all members of the society.

Deposits that Christmas money in the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. It will begin to draw interest from Saturday, January 5, 1918.

RETHING PRESIDENT OF CLUB CITIZENS-AMERICANS HONORED BY FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Joseph Fayetta, president of Club Citizens-Americans, who retired from the chair last evening, was honored by his fellow members who presented him, as a token of appreciation for the good services rendered the organization, a gold smoking set, a briar pipe and other gifts useful to a smoker. The presentation was made by Rep. Henry Achin and Mr. Fayetta responded in fitting terms.

In the course of the evening, a business session was held and considerable business was transacted. The hour was held in the upper hall, where an entertainment program was given and refreshments were served.

Money deposited on or before Saturday, January 5, 1918, in the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank begins to draw interest from that date.

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For centuries all over the world GOLD MEDAL has afforded relief in thousands upon thousands of cases of lame back, lumbago, sciatica, rheumatism, galls, gravel and all other affections of the kidneys, stomach, bladder and allied organs. It acts quickly. It does the work. It cleanses your kidneys and purifies the blood. It makes a new man, a new woman, of you. It frequently wards off attacks of the dread and fatal disease of the kidneys. It often completely cures the distressing disease of the organs of the body, allied with the bladder and kidneys. Bland or cloudy urine, sediment or "brick-dust" indicate an unhealthy condition.

Do not delay a minute if your back aches or you are sore across the loins or have difficulty when urinating. Get to your druggist at once and get a box of Imported GOLD MEDAL capsules. They are pleasant and easy to take. They dissolve in the stomach, and the kidneys soak up the oil like a sponge does water. They thoroughly cleanse and wash out the bladder and kidneys and throw off the inflammation which is the cause of the trouble. Your druggist will cheerfully refund your money if you are not satisfied after a few days' use. Accept only the pure, original GOLD MEDAL, Harlequin Oil Capsules. None other genuine.

Millions Use It For Colds

Because "Pape's Cold Compound" relieves cold or gripe misery in a few hours—Really wonderful!

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end gripe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves

sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. "Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute. Insist on "Pape's"—nothing else.



TRYING TO DRIVE HIM IN

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Woman suffragists and anti-suffragists came out in force today before the house suffrage committee for the last big skirmish which will precede the fight in the house Jan. 10, when the woman suffrage constitutional amendment comes up for vote.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, leading the argument in favor of the amendment, declared the fight had simmered down to a question of whether the extension of suffrage to a large number of inexperienced women voters naturally sympathetic with human suffering, would tend to weaken prosecution of the war. She contended most emphatically it would not and on the basis of sympathy with human suffering alone women were opposed to an ill-considered peace.

The anti-suffragists set forth their principal argument in a prepared statement by Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The argument for the anti-suffragists declared that suffragists and socialists, seeking to destroy the right of each state to settle the question by popular vote, had resorted to "the lowest political methods." It charged them with circulating a canard that President Wilson had promised Alice Paul, leader of the White House pickets, that he would secretly aid the amendment.

"The charge that the majority of women are pacifists is absolutely disproved by the zeal with which women have thrown themselves into war service," said Dr. Shaw.

"It is no overstatement to say that where one man offered voluntarily to enlist, ten women have offered for active war work in the field in which women can serve the government, while thousands more are preparing themselves for the service so that just as soon as the country calls more men to the army they can fill the vacancies and carry on the absolutely essential work of provisioning and providing the army with the equipment of war."

"We need a more definite statement on this point, we need only to turn to the last election in Canada, which hinged entirely upon conscription and was carried in favor of the measure by the votes of the Canadian women."

Mrs. Travis Whitney of Brooklyn.

analyzed the New York vote to answer Mrs. Wadsworth's contention that suffrage was won in New York by the votes of pacifists and socialists.

"Seven hundred thousand men in New York state voted for woman suffrage," said Mrs. Whitney. "The fact is that the socialist pro-suffrage vote is swallowed whole by the total pro-suffrage vote. The soldier vote that sent the socialist ratio down, sent the suffrage ratio up."

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MARINE IS WARMEST DRESSED U. S. FIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The American marine is the warmest dressed of all America's fighting men, the senate military committee learned today from Michael E. Driscoll, a cloth expert from Raritan, N. J., and the German prisoner taken by Gen. Pershing's men, was examined. The committee's investigation today turned on the much disputed point of whether "shoddy" mixed with wool is good for a soldier's overcoat.

Mr. Driscoll agreed with previous witnesses from the council of national defense that there was little difference in effect and that the clothing with "re-worked wool" mixed in was cheaper. He favored heavier uniforms for the men in Europe.

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 3.—Indications point to the quick absorption in other factories here of the 2500 hands discharged last night by the Remington Arms company because of the failure of Russia to complete contracts for war supplies.

At another factory engaged in the manufacture of fighting material it was stated recently that 1000 more workers were needed and it is thought here that many of the men laid off last night will readily find employment there. It is predicted that within a week most of the now idle workers will have been placed in new positions.

The cause of the layoff was the collapse of the Russian government, which gave orders for rifles and bayonets to the Bridgeport corporation.

COMMANDER PEOPLES FOR REAR ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Secretary Daniels today asked the president to nominate Commander Christian J. Peoples of the Navy Pay Corps a pay director with the rank of rear admiral.

He is 41 years old and one of the youngest men ever to hold flag rank. To reach his new position, he would pass over captains and commanders of longer service.

Secretary Daniels said that because of the youth of Commander Peoples he hesitated to send in his name until he had reviewed the qualifications of every other officer. Mr. Daniels decided to set aside seniority and recommend the nomination on merit.

GALE HOLDS UP COAL FOR BOSTON

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—A sixty mile gale that swept over Cape Cod today, forced tugs towing coal barges to Boston to seek shelter and threatened to make the fuel shortage more serious than heretofore.

More than a dozen barges were sighted off Chatham last night. Two coal steamers also were proceeding here, but reports from the cape indicated that they were unable to make headway through the gale. There were no reports of disaster. Through the office of James J. Storow, fuel administrator of New England, it was said that no coal had reached here by rail today, but that more definite information as to when shipments might be expected probably would be available late this afternoon. Mr. Storow is in Washington where he wants to

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"ME UND ALLAH"

Above, the latest photograph of William Hohenzollern. The Kaiser is shown here portraying the role of the Sultan of Turkey. He is dressed in the Turkish field marshal's uniform. You have the Kaiser's word for it that the "Me und Gott" alliance he boasts of so frequently, is stronger than ever. He said in his Christmas speech to the Second German army that he had found he could "absolutely rely" upon the Lord of Creation. So now, it would seem that he has turned to the task of "lining up Allah." The photograph was made on the Kaiser's recent visit to the Ottoman capital. Note the Turkish rugs and hangings—"atmosphere" for the "Me und Allah" business, mobby.

TELEPHONE GIRLS HAIL NEW SCHEDULE

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—At one of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of Boston Telephone Operators' union in Faneuil hall last night, the new wage agreement, signed between the adjustment board and telephone officials Monday, was unanimously ratified. It averted a strike set for yesterday morning.

With each successive announcement by Vice President G. M. Bugnizot, who read the terms of the new agreement, there was renewed applause and rising votes of thanks were extended to Mr. Bugnizot, the adjustment board and executives of the Telephone company. During the proceedings, Mr. Bugnizot and the adjustment board, consisting of President Mary A. Mahoney, Vice President Julia S. O'Connor and Miss May June, were ordered to leave the hall. On their return they found that the union had voted each member of the local's wage board a purse of \$100 in gold and two weeks' vacation with pay.

The new wage agreement, which is retroactive from last Sunday and will carry the increases in the pay envelope this week, provides "for the duration of the war" that all differences, wherein the union and the company are unable to agree, shall be submitted to arbitration.

Under the terms of the new agreement all members of the union are granted advances of from \$1 to \$2 a week. This includes senior operators, supervisors, assistant chief operators and clerks, in addition to the girl operators. The weekly maximum of \$16 is given the operators at the end of seven years.

Those eligible for the maximum wage will be classed as "senior operators" a new title established for about 20 per cent. of the girls. The new agreement, as it affects the other 80 per cent. of the membership, grants them their wage increases at much

earlier periods on a sliding scale.

An increase of from \$1 to \$2 a week is granted in all, and no one receives less than a raise of \$1 a week. The clause in the agreement which creates the class of "senior operators" advances operators formerly in that class a grade higher, to be known as "Junior supervisors," to assist the supervisors. The increase of \$2 a week, which advances their weekly minimum brings their wages to \$17.50 on assignment; \$18, after the first three months; \$18.50, after six months until they attain their maximum of \$19, at the end of 18 months.

Assistant chief operators get a new weekly minimum of \$21, an increase of \$2 a week. They and other classes, exclusive of the operators, are also benefited by the maximum increase which is affixed in proportion to the scale under which they are working.

COMPULSORY RATIONING IN ENGLAND SOON

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England soon, it was announced officially today.

CONGRESS RE-ASSEMBLED AND THEN ADJOURNED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congress re-assembled today after the holiday recess and both houses after sessions of a few minutes' duration adjourned until tomorrow in respect to the memorials of Senator Newlands and Representative Bathrick, who died during the Christmas holidays.

Both houses will meet in joint session at 12.30 o'clock tomorrow to hear President Wilson deliver his address making recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads.

WILSON TO ADDRESS CONGRESS TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Wilson today finished the address he will deliver to congress tomorrow on the railroad situation. It is understood to be about 1000 words long and, according to present plans, it will not be confined to newspapers and press associations in advance of delivery.

The president will make specific recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads.

FIRST DRAFT IN CANADA EXCEEDS 20,000

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 3.—The machinery of Canada's military service act was put in motion today and worked smoothly. Men conscripted in the first draft are reporting in batches as previously arranged.

The first draft is said to exceed 20,000, although the exact number was withheld for military reasons.

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Fancy Cookies, lb.	17c

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Fancy Rump Steak, lb.	35c
Extra Sirloin Roast Beef, lb.	22c
Rump Butts, lb.	20c
Fresh Shoulders, lb.	25c
Large Can of Tomatoes	19c
Extra Fancy Corn, can	14c
Macaroni	10c
Soaps of all kinds	6 for 25c
Flour, bag	\$1.59
Try Our Special Coffee, lb.	23c
Potatoes, pk.	35c
Butter, our best, lb.	46c
Boston Market Celery, bu.	20c

Fresh Pork Loins, lb.	23c
Fresh Pork Butts, lb.	25c
Fresh Pork Ribs, lb.	22c
Fancy Pork Chops, lb.	28c
Hamburger Steak, lb.	15c
Top of Round, lb.	30c
Sirloin Steak, lb.	25c
Beef Liver, lb.	15c
Fancy Briskets, lb.	20c
Try Our Corned Beef, lb.	15c
Salt Pork, lb.	30c
Choice Spring Lamb and Veals	

THE SPELLBINDER

When it's too cold to cut ice, it is certainly cold. During the recent cold snap, last Friday night, I believe, a number of employees of the D. Gage company who attempted to work all night keeping their channel open, were forced to abandon their work and men who have worked on the river for many years declare that they never experienced anything quite as cold as the weather conditions on that night. But it's an ill cold snap that bodes nobody good for there will be a most satisfactory ice crop as a result. The weather was even too strenuous for the ice-fishermen who have braved zero weather in the past to follow their line of sport. But 20 below took the heart out of the most courageous ice-fishermen, even those who "go around the corner" to warm up, and there has been no ice fishing during the past week and when they do go they'll find a fine depth of ice to cut through in making the holes.

The water department was hard hit by the cold for service pipes and meters froze up and were out of commission and Commissioner Brown's army of employees were given a taste of real hard work from Sunday morning up to the present time. The plumbers were doubly-blessed by the weather for they had a Sunday and a holiday with double time for each, all within one week.

Some complaint was heard on the part of householders on account of a delay on the part of the health department in collecting their garbage and ashes. Christmas and Fourth of July are the only two holidays that the health department employees enjoy and he works harder than ever to make up for them. On account of the Christmas holidays the regular and ash collections were a day behind. In past years the department has had no trouble in hiring outside teams and drivers to assist in making the collections. But between the demand for teams on lighter and more inviting work and the intense cold it was next to impossible to engage any outside help and hence the regular employees were obliged to do all the work themselves which they did in commendable manner, all things considered.

Lowell is only 25 miles away from Boston, the temperature in this city during the cold wave was at least 10 degrees lower than in Boston at all times.

In this city none suffered more from the cold than the street car conductors who worked on prepayment cars for they were obliged to work with bare hands on the rear platform and some of them suffered from frost-bite.

The Inauguration

The inaugural exercises will be short, sweet and patriotic, according to all reports. The custom of the past to read out a tiresome collection of municipal statistics has been abandoned and the inauguration will be a report containing all necessary figures. The mayor's outline of his policies, and his recommendations for the future of the city, will be the main feature of the principal interest. No formal invitations will be sent out except to the former mayors of the city, and there will be no decorations. On account of the fact that the inauguration board and the lawyers' advisory board both hold sessions until 10 o'clock Saturday night it will be necessary for City Messenger McMahon's employees to work all day Sunday to clean the building in time for the inauguration which will begin at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. After the formal exercises the inauguration board will adjourn until the following day when it will hold its first regular business session of the new year. The living ex-mayors of Lowell are Messrs. Noyes, Pickett, McMahon, Casey, Brown, Meehan, Murphy and the retiring mayor, O'Donnell.

Burning Up the Coal

For the first time in the history of the present city hall every room in the building is being used daily and thus is being heated every day. Since 1912 the old council chamber which requires considerable steam to heat, has been kept cold throughout the winter but now the lawyers' advisory board is using it. Usually the school board apartments are used for the meeting days, but as the high school is without heat during the Christmas holidays the pupils are using the rooms to rehearse for a play they are soon to put on. The exemption board has the alternate committee room while there is something going on in the mayor's reception room practically every day.

The Moth Superintendency

Annually one hundred candidates for the position of superintendent of the moth department though after the talk is over the present efficient incumbent, Mr. John G. Gordon, remains in the job. The position is different from any other in the gift of the municipality inasmuch as the choice of the municipal council must be approved by the state forester, Mr. Kane. The latter is strongly opposed to having politics enter into the matter of the selection of a superintendent of the moth department. Speaking of moth work the cold killed about everything but the gypsy moths and a little moth and might be the end of existence. There are no longer any brown-tail moths in Lowell, that breed of pests having been completely exterminated. After five years of intense and systematic work, but the gypsy moth still abounds and the state and its municipal auxiliaries are working toward the extermination of the gypses and expect to have it accomplished in a few years. In their daily work the moth department employees are as busy as the police and constables become as frigid as iron rods and hence almost impossible to handle in extremely cold weather.

Everything Going Up

The new mayor in estimating the amount of his appropriation for insurance for the year will find that the cost of insurance has advanced 10 per cent since last year following an advance of the year previous. From the week at city hall the employees of practically all the municipal departments will ask for more pay as soon as the new government gets on its way. It is extremely difficult for the head of a municipal department to make anything like an accurate guess at the amount of money that he will need for an entire year, matter of calculation which in the past was comparatively easy. In years gone by heads of department could figure out their needs for a year in advance to

within a few hundred dollars of the actual amount but with the varying increases in the prices of all commodities it simply can't be reckoned accurately these days.

A Mean Thief

It's a mean thief who will steal a man's hat while the latter is having his questionnaire filled out, but that's what happened at city hall Wednesday afternoon. A young man called upon the lawyers' advisory board during the afternoon to answer the usual questions, and when his turn came he walked to the desk leaving his new hat on a chair. It took some 20 minutes or more to make out the necessary papers and when the young man prepared to leave he was surprised to find that his hat was missing, and the thief didn't do him the consideration of leaving any old kind of a lid to replace that which was stolen. City Messenger Monahan who is a sort of all round first aid to the injured at city hall instituted a search but failed to disclose the missing hat. Then the accommodating city messenger unceremoniously cap of his own and gave it to the young man who departed, muttering.

THE SPELLBINDER.

Saturday, January 5, 1918 is "Quarter Day" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

REORGANIZATION OF ARMY ORDNANCE BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—General reorganization of the ordnance bureau, with experienced business men at the head of important divisions under the chief of ordnance, was announced last night by the war department.

The new plan, under which it is proposed to make the bureau a greater working unit, modeled somewhat after the British ministry of munitions, was outlined to the senate military committee recently by Maj.-Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, while he was being sharply questioned concerning delays and deficiencies in supply of rifles and cannon.

It was approved by Sec. Baker and put into effect.

Gen. Crozier, whose reappointment is pending in the senate, continues as chief of ordnance, but the change in the assignment of his staff to head the various divisions will be made by the war council.

Col. Samuel McRobert, formerly executive manager of the National City bank of New York, is named chief of the procurement division, one of the branches into which the business functions of the bureau are divided, and the new staff is to be announced in a few days.

The reorganization was announced in this statement:

The ordnance bureau has been conducted by five separate and more or less independent organizations under the direction of the chief of ordnance. These divisions will now be consolidated. The chief of ordnance will be assisted by an extensive administrative and advisory staff.

The principal business functions of the department, as distinct from the technical designing and other scientific work with which it is charged, will be carried out by four operating divisions.

(A)—The procurement division will negotiate all orders and contracts for artillery, small arms, ammunition and other articles, heretofore purchased by the various divisions of the ordnance department.

(B)—The production division will have general charge of production. It will follow up on contracts and supervise the production of all articles contracted for by the procurement division.

(C)—The inspection division will inspect and accept or reject all munitions of war contracted for by the procurement division.

(D)—The supply division will receive and distribute all ordnance and ordnance stores, operate all storehouses and have charge of matters pertaining to transportation.

"It is contemplated that this form of organization will make it possible to use to the fullest extent the experience of additional men trained in civil life, who will be called to the service for that purpose."

"Experienced business executives will be put in charge of the procurement and production divisions, and the work of those divisions will be entrusted to practical commission officers, supplemented by further acquisition of trained experts and men of proven business ability."

The Junior Holy Name society of the great Heart parish has completed plans for the minstrel show to be held Friday evening, Jan. 4 at the Sacred Heart school hall. The chorus of 65 trained boys' voices will be a treat to all.

The solo work is carried on by boys with sweet soprano voices. The southern colored man is to be portrayed by the ends whose rap and jokes will furnish the chief amusement. The entertainment introduced throughout will keep the audience in constant laughter.

The second part of the show is a one-act playlet entitled "On the Program." This is a playlet about a boy and is full of humor. The enthusiasm among the boys is high and everything points to successful "First Appearance." Tickets on sale at the door for 35 cents.

KAISER ORDERS FORMATION OF NEW AERIAL UNITS AS RESULT OF U. S. ENTRY INTO WAR

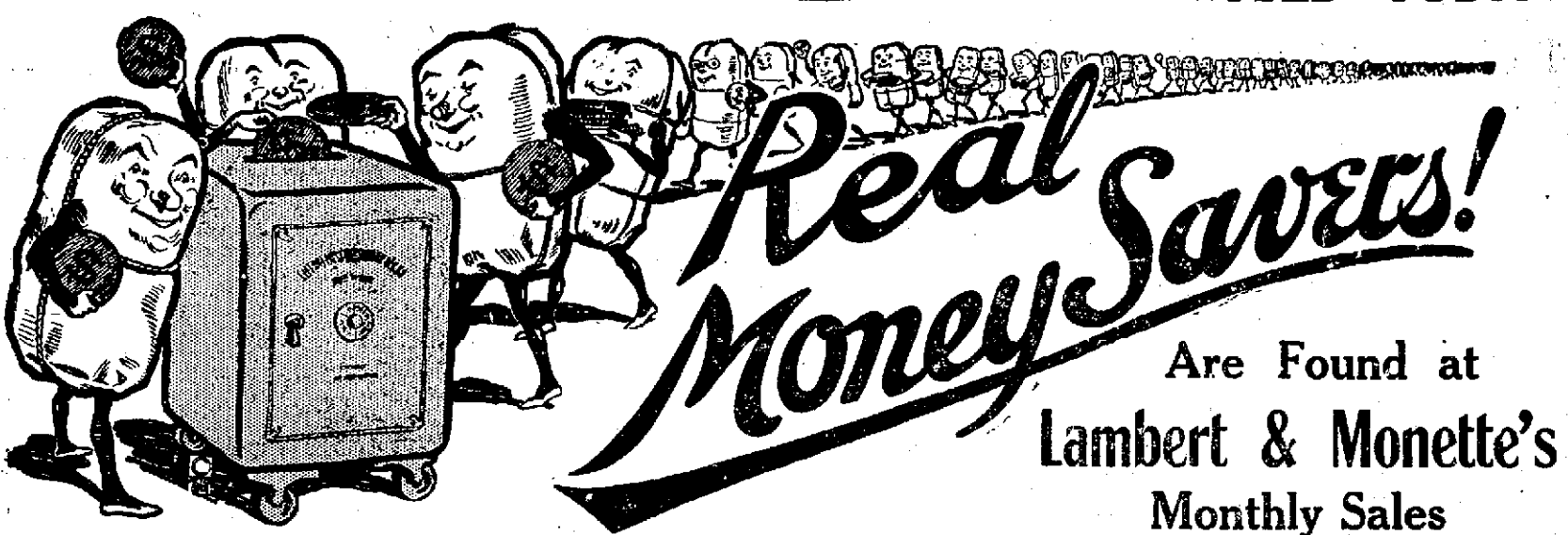
LONDON, Jan. 3.—As showing that the pretended German disregard for the entry of the United States into the war is feigned, the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters quotes an official German army order as follows: "The recent entry of America into the war compels our higher command to form a considerable number of new aerial units."

The order proceeds to urge the officers to promote the utmost numbers of transfers of officers to the flying corps for necessary training. The correspondent adds that military units are mentioned in stating that large forces of heavy artillery are on the way from the Russian front to the western front.

Open a "New Year's" account in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, January 5, 1918, is "Quarter Day."

SALE OPENS TOMORROW

STORE CLOSED TODAY



If you are really eager, earnest and intensive upon following out the dictates of the officials of the Federal Government who, because of the trying period we are passing through, are insisting upon thrift and the conservation of money, food and clothing, you will make it a habit to come to the Monthly Bargain Events which we established last month, and the

SECOND OF WHICH WILL START HERE TOMORROW, FRIDAY MORNING, And Continue for the Duration of Eight Days

Because these sales are genuine and real money savers.

Owing to the character of the articles of men's wear which we sell—they being invariably recognized leaders in their respective lines and manufactured to sell at prices considerably higher than those we charge during these monthly selling events—we cannot extend the period of the sale. The sale must be brought to a close Saturday night, January 12. Lambert & Monette's bargains are real; yes, indeed, more real than you would ordinarily suspect through reading this or any other advertisement about the same items. The values we are offering are of such merit that we believe, without fear of having to retract what we say, that they surpass any ever offered in this city. That surely is a broad statement, but when you know whereof you speak why hesitate to talk? Genuine thrift and conservation will, in a way, be endeavored by those people who will make purchases at this sale.

\$5.00 Velour Hats for	\$2.69	\$2.00 Khaki Pants for	\$1.19	\$10.00 Bath Robes for	\$5.79	\$1.00 Flannelette Night Shirts for	.79c
\$3.50 and \$3.00 Soft Hats for	\$1.98	\$5.00 and \$6.00 Pants for	\$2.49	\$15.00 Bath Robes for	\$8.98	\$1.25 Flannelette Night Shirts for	.98c
\$2.50 Soft Hats for	\$1.69	65c Silk Ties for	.47c	\$8.00 Smoking Jackets for	\$4.98	\$1.75 Flannelette Night Shirts for	\$1.29
These are all present styles.							
10c Handkerchiefs for	.3c	50c Silk Ties for	.39c	\$10.00 Smoking Jackets for	\$6.98	\$2.00 Flannelette Night Shirts for	\$1.49
15c Khaki Handkerchiefs for	.10c	Irish Poplin Ties for	.42c	\$3.00 White Worsted Sweaters, size 34, for	\$1.49	\$1.50 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.15
\$2.00 Union Suits for	\$1.49	25c Ties for	.12½c	\$4.00 Heavy Sweaters with collar attached, for	\$2.49	\$1.75 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.29
85c Heavy Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for	.69c each	20c and 15c Ready-made Bow Ties for	.9c	\$4.50 Worsted Sweaters for	\$2.98	\$2.00 Flannelette Pajamas for	\$1.49
\$1.50 Pocket Soft Hat for	.59c	25c Knit Ties for	.12½c	\$5.00 Extra Heavy Sweaters for	\$2.98	\$5.00 Silk Pajamas for	\$3.29
15c Pad Garters for	.8c	\$1.00 Shirts, soft or stiff cuffs, for	.49c	\$6.00 Extra Heavy Sweaters for	\$3.79	20c Lion brand Collars, sizes 16, 16½, 16½, for	.4c
25c Boston Garters for	.19c	\$1.25 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	.79c	\$9.00 Extra Heavy Wool Sweaters for	\$6.49	Boys' Paper Collars, 10 in a box, sizes 12½ and 13, for	.3c a box
35c Double Grip Garters for	.25c	\$1.50 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	.98c	65c and 75c Cashmere Hose for	.45c	\$1.00 Heavy Winter Caps with fur lined ear flaps, for	.49c
25c Suspenders for	.19c	\$2.00 Shirts, soft cuffs, for	\$1.39	30c Hose, list finish, for	.21c	Double Buckle Blue Overalls and Jumpers for	.79c each
50c Suspenders for	.39c	\$5.00 Silk Shirts for	\$2.98	60c Silk Hose, for	.49c	50c Belts for	.29c
One \$25.00 Suit, size 34	\$7.69	\$6.00 and \$7.00 Silk Shirts for	\$3.49	50c Silk Hose for	.29c	15c Canvas Gloves for	.8c
\$3.00 Corduroy Pants, sizes 40 and 42, for	\$2.39	Blue Chambray Shirts for	.42c	50c Wool Hose for	.49c	\$1.25 Umbrellas for	.72c
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2500 LIVES LOST IN EARTHQUAKE

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, Jan. 3.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2500 persons lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

Early reports on the Guatemala earthquake, which began on Christmas day, declare the loss of life was heavy. Some estimates reaching 1000. A Guatemala city dispatch of Dec. 31, however, said that only a few persons had been killed.

Many persons are going overland from Salvador to Guatemala to investigate the fate of friends.

Telegraphic communication between San Salvador and Guatemala is again interrupted.

REPORT SPANISH ROYAL PALACE IN FLAMES

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A Havas despatch from Madrid says that the royal palace at La Granja, near Madrid, is on fire. Details of the fire are not known.

The royal palace at La Granja was built in 1721-23. It consists of a main building, enclosing the court of the original (Ganja Grange) and of two double wings. The royal apartments on the first floor have been noted for their 18th century magnificence.

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21 BRITISH VESSELS SUNK IN WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1600 tons or more have been sunk by mine or submarine during the past week, according to the admiralty statement last night. Three merchantmen under 1600 tons were also sunk.

This is a material increase over the previous week when the sinkings numbered 12, of which 11 were more than 1600 tons.

Arrivals, 21½ sailings, 2074. British merchantmen 1500 tons or over sunk, 18, including two previous weeks under 1600 tons, three fishing vessels, none.

Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, eight.

One Big Italian Ship Sunk

ROME, Jan. 3.—Enemy submarines during the week ending Dec. 29 sunk one Italian steamship of more than 1600 tons and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamships were attacked managed to escape.

WHEELS IN MOTION FOR MILITARY ATHLETIC CARNIVAL AT STATE ARMOY

At a meeting held at the war work headquarters last evening which was called by S. Wiles Dixon, war department representative of the camp recreation organization, preliminary plans for a military athletic carnival to be held at the Westford street armory in the near future, were outlined and discussed.

The proceeds of the affair will go entirely to the soldiers of the 76th division of the National army encamped at Ayer. Prominent athletes who are at present in the national service will compete with star local performers as well as with men from the cantonment. Although the affair is to be designated as a soldiers' carnival, nevertheless, Mr. Dixon wishes it understood that local athletes are wanted to enter the various events just as much as the soldiers.

It is expected that the group of the athletic material "on there" will come to Lowell for the meet and prominent local stars, including the pick of the Y.M.C.A. and high school men will lurk up against the men in olive drab. The military officials of the Ayer cantonment look upon the enterprise very favorably and are giving their time and energy in assisting Mr. Dixon to make the affair worth while. The affair will be staged with the sanction of the A.A.U. so that athletes

CONG. ROGER'S SUFFRAGE BALLOT LOST

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. Lost somewhere on the high seas between here and London, or else in London, or on the docks in New York, one perfectly good congressional vote for the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Finder please hand it in at the capitol at Washington. Reward if brought in before Jan. 10, on which date the amendment comes up in congress.

The vote was the vote of Rep. Rogers of Massachusetts, and was being shipped to this country by Rep. Hicks of New York. Mr. Rogers was so grieved at the thought of not being able to do his bit toward passing the federal amendment that he waylaid Mr. Hicks, who was passing through London on his way from the front, and asked him to take his ballot and see it safely over here.

Mr. Hicks, who is an enthusiastic for suffrage as is Mr. Rogers, accepted the vote as a sacred trust. He gave generous fees to everybody on the ship who might have anything to do with the matter.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 156D Marcellus avenue, Manhattan, N. Y. Better cut out this notice and show it to any other who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

TWO ELECTRIC CARS IN COLLISION

Two cars of the Bay State Street Railway Co. met in a crash about 7:30 o'clock last night in front of Memorial hall. A car bound for Varnum avenue bumped a car which was in front of the building and as a result of the contact two men and two women were hurt and the cars were badly damaged.

Officials of the Bay State Street Railway Co. stated that the accident was due to the failure of the motorman of the Varnum avenue car to judge properly the distance between his car and the Pawtucketville car, which was stopped. The Pawtucketville car was stopped by Motorman John Bagley and Conductor Arthur Clancy, while the Varnum avenue car crew was led by Motorman Thomas Corcoran and Conductor Daniel Riley. The cars were not badly damaged save for broken windows and bent fenders.

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NOW FOR WHALE MEAT

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Recipes for dishes to be prepared from little-used varieties of fish will be given to the public when the patriotic food show opens here Saturday. The show, which is claimed an edible substitute for meat can be made from whales, was announced today.

AMBASSADOR SAYS FARWELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador who yesterday announced that he was going home on a leave, saw President Wilson today to say farewell. The ambassador, it is expected, will not return to the United States in his present capacity.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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THE BRITISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

A large attendance and an enthusiastic meeting marked the fourth anniversary of the British-American Social club at a meeting last night in Odd Fellows building. Neil McNeil Watterson was the presiding officer and after he had called to order considerable routine business was transacted.

During the evening the reports of the financial and recording secretaries were read, showing the work that had been done during the past four years. It was announced that up to the present time \$2500 had been raised through dances and tag days, the money having been given to various relief funds in England and the United States and the latest offering was a contribution of \$50 for the Halifax relief fund.

Following the reports of the secretaries, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, William Shaw; secretary, Joseph Pearson; financial secretary, George Whalley; conductor, Joseph Tarr; and assistant financial secretary, Mrs. George Marshall. For the entertainment, songs were given by President Watterson and Financial Secretary Whalley.

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Cost About One Cent a Dish and don't need any sugar—says Bobby

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SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Let us distinguish between essentials and non-essentials. For the duration of the war while there is a demand for conservation in all lines, it behooves everybody to cut off the things which are non-essential in order that the things that are absolutely essential may receive more attention and always first attention. This is the policy adopted by the railroads and the steamship lines. They do not want to waste their power carrying things that are not essential to the welfare of the people while they have to meet such overpowering demands for the transportation of the great essentials—food, fuel, clothing and the men and equipment of our armies.

It is necessary and essential to keep our industries running and everybody employed to the best advantage.

Over every door in the land should be written "war work here," and the occupants of every home should be guided by that patriotic motto.

We have vast advantages in being guided by the costly experience of England in our preparations for war. President Wilson is doing herculean work and so are his various lieutenants, so are the departments at Washington, and so are the congressmen and senators. With few exceptions the representatives of the people at Washington are showing a splendidly patriotic spirit. Party lines have been obliterated in promoting the war and with the exception of "the few wittol men" the entire body is working with one mind in supporting President Wilson and the departments in the mammoth task of carrying on the war.

The government control of the railroads has brought new courage to the people and especially to the industries of this country. A paralyzed railroad system would defeat our efforts in the war and defeat in our case would mean defeat for the Allies. But with Mr. McAdoo as director, and Harrison Holden, Elliott, Raa and Knutschnit, all great railroad executives, at his elbow, there can be no doubt that from this time forward, the railroads of the country will accomplish more than ever before not only in promoting the preparations for war but in meeting the demands of the various industries by which the government is to be sustained in the war.

Thus we may expect new life to be infused into every line of business as a result of better railroad service. It is true, that non-essentials may have to wait, that essentials whether for the army or for our industries shall have a prior claim, but apart from this there will be no discrimination. There should be no false economies; the people who earn good wages have to buy what they want as usual and the industries that are supplying their needs must be classed with the essential because upon the steady employment of all our people at good wages depends our ability to buy Liberty bonds to help win the war.

Moreover, in the matter of food, every patriotic person, we assume, is willing to put up with the inconvenience of a shortage in sugar or even of a temporary shortage in coal. This spirit of forbearance in meeting inconveniences without worry or complaint will greatly help in a general way the men who are directing affairs for the nation's honor and vindication. This is a big country and the government is now engaged in a task compared with which the greatest ever previously undertaken was insignificant. Therefore, it is to be expected that there will be mistakes, that some parts of the country will suffer more than others; but so far as possible, all will be treated fairly and much depends upon the good will, the patriotism and common-sense of the people in meeting the disappointments and even it may be reverses of the war, without discouragement as to the final result. We are in the war to win and to that end as a united people, let us bend our efforts, ready to take what comes but confident always that a glorious victory will finally repay us for every service and every sacrifice.

THE PRO-GERMAN CROAKERS

The pro-German element has changed its tactics but is still active. The propaganda works under various guises, always with the aim of shaking confidence in the United States, assailing its position in the war or some of the agencies working for the success of the Allies. The Red Cross is attacked on various pretexts and false stories are put in circulation to shake public confidence in its honesty and fairness.

The fact that the war council of the Red Cross donated \$100,000 to the medical staff of the United States army to promote medical research has brought out a protest from the anti-vivisectionists. A medical staff—

will be put to good uses and hence the criticism is brought forward merely to shake the confidence of the ignorant in the honesty and intelligence of the Red Cross and the eminent professional ability and self-sacrificing patriotism of the U. S. army medical staff.

Some of the pro-German croakers who do not dare to attack any American branch of the war service, assail England, France or Italy, making false charges to give their tirades the appearance of justification.

GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Germany is gradually coming down in her peace terms. She has heretofore claimed that she wanted more territory and her people were led to believe that she would eventually rule the world.

Of course, Kaiser Wilhelm can knock Count Czernin of Austria off his peace stool and repudiate him, at any time, but there's significance in the fact that Czernin was ever permitted to present such peace terms as he has.

"No annexations and no indemnities," is a long way from what the German autocrats have been demanding. The morale of the German people has been largely held up by assurances that the cost of the war would be paid by other peoples. According to Austria's representative at Drest-Litovsk, the Kaiser so longs for peace that he kills that dream and the dreams of a "Mittel Europa" and a "place in the sun" held by German power. From world-domination, paid for by conquered peoples, it is a far cry to peace without indemnity. How strongly do the people of Germany feel this?

The truth must ere long dawn upon the German people so long deluged with the bombastic promises of her rulers.

DANGER IN HASTE

As matters stand now, although the war department has accomplished wonders, there is no certainty that an army of 1,000,000 men will be assembled on the western battlefield by the middle of April. To accomplish this there must be haste and this will surely result in having many things done in a very unsatisfactory manner. The greatest danger of all is that the men will be rushed to the trenches to meet some great military necessity before they have had the training necessary to enable them to put forth their best efforts not only in self-

defense but in offensive attacks upon the enemy.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is still a fit subject of discussion and a very complex one for some of the men who have to answer the questions. But whether or not the man of draft age has a just claim for exemption, he must answer the questions in a full and satisfactory manner. Even the alien enemies must fill out the questionnaire and if they are found to lie in their answers they will be subject to the penalties provided in such cases.

CONGRESSMAN ROGERS

Congressman Rogers has gathered much information that will be beneficial to the government provided it be applied in good faith and without being taken advantage of for political purposes by some hungry republicans. The congressman has evidently worked hard while in Europe in gathering information of value for the government.

SAVE THE WATER

Yes, there has been a waste of water, but there would have been a still greater waste had we had a great fire during the cold spell. We have been fortunate in escaping conflagrations such as have spread ruin in many other cities.

CONGRESS

Congress has to tackle a stupendous task in supplementing President Wilson's action in taking over the railroads of the country. Congress must vote the money to make the president's plan of action effective.

SEEN AND HEARD

Without having a very large income, it is possible to be extravagant.

These are busy days for the blacksmiths and plumbers.

Before starting out to say just what you think, be very careful what you think.

What is only a gathering of a couple of dozen people in the metropolis is an outpouring of the populace in a country village.

Some young chaps—some old ones, too—for that matter—who think a lot of themselves are really about as useful to this world as a toothbrush would be to a cow.

Some people who make it a point to be able to tell you the next day the text of a sermon they have heard don't take to themselves any of the serious moral lessons.

The popular idea that plumbers use twenty-dollar bills for shaving papers may be wrong. Plumbers complain that they are short of money like everybody else.

Facts Confirmed

Teacher—Now we have in front of you the north, on your right is the east and on your left the west. What have you behind you?

Small Boy—A patch on my pants. I

told mother you'd see it!—Baltimore Sun.

Painful Nap

Mike McCarthy, a conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern, took his wife to Chicago on a shopping trip. She led the old gentleman a merry chase and wound up at a big department store in the evening.

She then told him she was going up on the third floor to look over some more things. Mike said he was tired and would sit down on a bench near the elevator and wait for her. She took off his hat, turned it open and placed it on his lap, then leaned his head back and fell asleep. Mike had a habit of sleeping with one eye partly open. This impressed the passers-by, and when his wife returned she found \$3.40 in small change in the hat.—Judge.

Leather Wanted in Hats

Perhaps it has occurred to few people to speculate about the amount of leather used in the sweat bands of hats. The makers of one of the fabric substitutes for leather, however, have just completed a survey of the field.

"They report that in 1916—just an average year—there were 127,492,872 hats and caps made in the United States, or two and a half 'ilids' for each member of the male population, without regard for age, race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The sweat bands for all these hats would make a single band about two inches wide and 255,635,000 feet long—enough to go twice around the world, with plenty left over for a nice sizeable low somewhere along the equator. In this tape there would be 44,000,000 square feet of leather, and the loss in trimming off the corners of the hides and bringing them down to this shape would amount to at least 11,000,000 square feet more.

Now 44,000,000 square feet of leather would make the tops for about 20,000,000 shoes. We need feel little wonder, then, in learning that next year's yearly part of this leather actually will go into shoes that under the pressure of ever advancing prices the leather hat band is fast becoming a thing of the past, replaced by composition fabrics of one sort or another.

PAINLESS JOINTS

The Country is Full of Them Since Druggists Commenced to Sell "Neutrone Prescription 99."

There is no reason on earth why anyone should suffer another day with painful, inflamed, swollen joints or muscles of any kind arising from rheumatism, when you can get a large bottle of "Neutrone Prescription 99" for 50c and \$1.00 the bottle. Not a liniment, mind you, to clog up the pores, but a blood-purifying, soothing and healing internal remedy that takes out all soreness and pains and leaves the muscles feeling fine and comfortable.

You may be so sore and crippled that you can not get around, but take a few weeks' treatment of "Neutrone Prescription 99" and you will enjoy entire freedom from rheumatism.

Use "Neutrone Prescription 99" for chronic rheumatism, for gout, for the kidneys. Use it when you feel an attack coming and you will be mightily well pleased with the result. Fred Howard's Drug Store, 193 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 532 Merrimack St. and leading druggists everywhere.

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We have had substitutes and substitutes, but here is at least one substitute that stands more than an even chance of being permanent.—Scientific American.

How Wolves Become Dogs

The first dog was a wolf. An old savage found a tiny wolf wobbling through his forest, or killed its mother at the den, and took the young thing home to his boy. The child played with the little wolf and learned to love it and it learned to love him. They grew up together and instead of running away when it was grown, the wolf remained about the tent of the savage and came when the boy called it, and hunted with him and was a friend and companion.

The first time the boy and the wolf went hunting the wolf caught a rabbit and started to eat it, but the boy took it away from him. The wolf cried about losing the rabbit, but when the boy gave him the head and the feet and the entrails the wolf was satisfied and saw that it was not such a bad thing to be in partnership with a boy. Besides, the boy had fed the wolf many times when the wolf had done nothing to obtain the food, so it was not such a bad thing to run after a rabbit, catch it and have a boy taking the best part of it.

It wasn't long before the boy and the wolf were able to catch enough game to supply the home with meat, and the family thereby became the wealthiest in the jungle. So hard had it been to secure food that the people had no time to do anything else than search for something to eat. If it had not been for the taming of a wolf the people would never have been anything but savages, because they would

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Monday, Jan. 7, 4 p. m.—Mid-Year Reception.

never have had time to do anything but search for food.

The boy and the wolf were able to catch so many wild things the father of the boy stopped hunting and put in a month of his time making a boat—the best boat that had been made up to then, because no one had had a month's time to devote to boat making. When the boat was finished the family was rich, for now they had the means of going across the lake, where there were plenty of fruits and nuts, and they could be brought home in the boat.

When the other savages saw the advantage of having a wolf to help secure the food for the family they adopted young wolves themselves and trained them and finally raised wolves that were so gentle they had to be driven out of the camp. Then wolves became dogs, but there isn't anything in history about when it was. It is certain at this time there isn't a race of people anywhere on earth that hasn't dogs—and a lot of them.—Columbus Dispatch.

The Limit

It was when the war was over and the nations in accord, that Great Britain petitioned for a hearing from the Lord.

When his poignant plea was granted and he came to heaven's bar, He arose and spoke as follows: "Lord, I have never kicked so far."

At the people that you sent me, I have welcomed one and all.

I have made a place for sinners and transgressors great and small. I have given you a brimstone and his homelike private spit, I've been mighty democratic, and I'm rather proud of it.

But I understand you are planning to send Wilhelm down to hell. And I wish to give you notice here and now that I rebel.

Oh, I stood for Mr. Nero and Caligula and such.

Through the other spirits muttered and protested pretty much.

But I have some pride in Hades, and I've got to draw the lot. When you want to send this Kaiser to that fiery realm of mine, There'd be hell to pay for certain and my people would howl effect.

If I let him even enter—would effect my overthrow.

Then the Lord spoke unto Satan, "Monarch of the deepest hell, It were much to draw the picture were that emperor to dwell In the depths of thy inferno; I should never be content.

With mere scolding and brimstone for the Kaiser's punishment. Nay, I've planned a juster sentence, he shall wander to and fro Over all the earth he ravished, he shall see and be seen.

All the monstrous things accomplished, by his order, in MY name, He shall taste his victims' anguish, Spirits of the babes he murdered, souls of women and of men Shall be called to haunt and mock him, He shall never rest again, He shall and will be created by his vanity and hate And this agony and torture never, never shall abate."

Satan, in true submission, "Lord," he answered, "Thou art just; It were far too light a penance were the Kaiser to be thrust Into any part of hell, for my dearest, hottest shelf.

Would he like a bit of heaven to the hell he made himself.

—Berton Bracey.

JOINT INSTALLATION AT MEMORIAL HALL

Memorial hall was taxed to capacity last night at the joint installation of Post 42, G.A.R. Relief corps, Admiral Farragut camp, Sons of Veterans, and Admiral Farragut auxiliary, Sons of Veterans.

During the early part of the evening a buffet luncheon was served. The exercises commenced at 7:45 o'clock, when Adj. George E. Worthen introduced P.C. Earl A. Thibault as installing officer of Post 42. The latter then proceeded to install the following officers for the year 1918: Commander, Dudley L. Page; S.V.C., John Harrington; J.V.C., Nathan G. Lamson; adjutant, George E. Worthen; quartermaster, Chester E. Goodwin; surgeon, Jas. F. McCarthy; chaplain, Charles E. Brackett; officer of the day, Erich N. Grinnell; officer of the guard, Thomas P. Crowley; sergeant major, Patrick F. Brady; and quartermaster sergeant, Bernard Hession.

The senior vice commander, sergeant major and quartermaster major, who were absent, will be installed at the next meeting.

President Bessie Cummings of Relief corps 75 then called the corps to order and Mrs. Jessie Worthen was introduced as the installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Helen Quinn as conductor, and the following officers were installed: President, Miss Mary Smith; senior vice president, Mrs. Minnie Barton; junior vice president, Mrs. Katherine Gott; treasurer, Miss Bernice Staples; secretary, Mrs. Lydia C. Bartlett; conductor, Mrs. Helena Quinn; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Jessie Worthen; inner guard, Miss Ella Flynn; guard, Miss Sarah Simmons; chaplain, Mrs. Barbara McFarland; color bearers, Mrs. Alice Feich, Mrs. Clara Staples, Miss Maude Richardson and Miss Emma J. Ober.

At the close Treasurer Bernice Staples in a neat speech presented President-elect Miss Mary Smith a large bouquet.

Commander Fred L. Fletcher of Admiral Farragut camp, 78, Sons of Veterans, then called to order the camp, when Second Lieut. Arvidson, E. Farragut, acting as conductor, introduced Fast Commander Lucius A. Derby as installing officer, who proceeded to install the following as officers of the camp for 1918: Commander, John C. Parker; senior vice commander, William L. Dickey; junior vice commander, Byron Lamphere; chaplain, Walter L. Atwood; secretary, Samuel A. Pickering; treasurer, Mark H. Sawyer; patriotic instructor, Lucius A. Derby; guide, Robert J. Fullerton; inside guard, Carl Lambert; outside guard, Wilson Hall; color bearers, Frank Schenck, musician, Walter S. Shaw, and camp council, Fred L. Fletcher, Scott Guild, Harry B. Clay.

At the close of the exercises P.C. Fletcher the iron cross badge of the P.C.

President Sophia L. Pickering of Admiral Farragut Camp auxiliary, No. 47, next took the chair and called to order. Guided by P.C. Samuel A. Pickering of Camp No. 78, S. of V., as installing officer, the officers installed were: President, Lydia T. Bartlett; vice president, Eleanor M. Parker; chaplain, Susie J. Dickey; secretary, Elsie Strater; treasurer, Annie Leach; guide, Gertrude L. Dickey; patriotic instructor, Lena Sawyer; assistant guide, Janetta Johnson; color bearers, Florence Saxton and Anna M. Clay; inside guard, Minnie Lamphere; outside guide, Elizabeth Young; guard, Elizabeth Young and Sophia L. Pickering; judge advocate, William L. Dickey and press agent, Marietta Fullerton.

Fast Commander Pickering was presented a large bouquet of roses and



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pink, given by the retiring and incoming officers, by P.C. Lucius A. Derby. President Sister Bartlett was presented a bouquet from B. P. Butler, Relief corps, No. 76, by Fast President Bessie Cummings of the corps. Fast President Bessie Cummings was presented a beautiful flag from the color bearers of the corps, and President Smith was presented a gavel from Mrs. Redding.

BEARERS' UNION

At a regular and well attended meeting of the members of the Bearers' union, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Walter Roche, president; Robert Hollingsworth, vice president; Fred Angus, financial secretary; Louis St. Carlier, recording secretary; Matthew Trumbull, warden; Ernest McGowan, conductor. At the close of the business meeting, a social hour was held during which refreshments were served, and entertainment numbers were given by George Harrington, William Keenan, Daniel Crane and George Linton.

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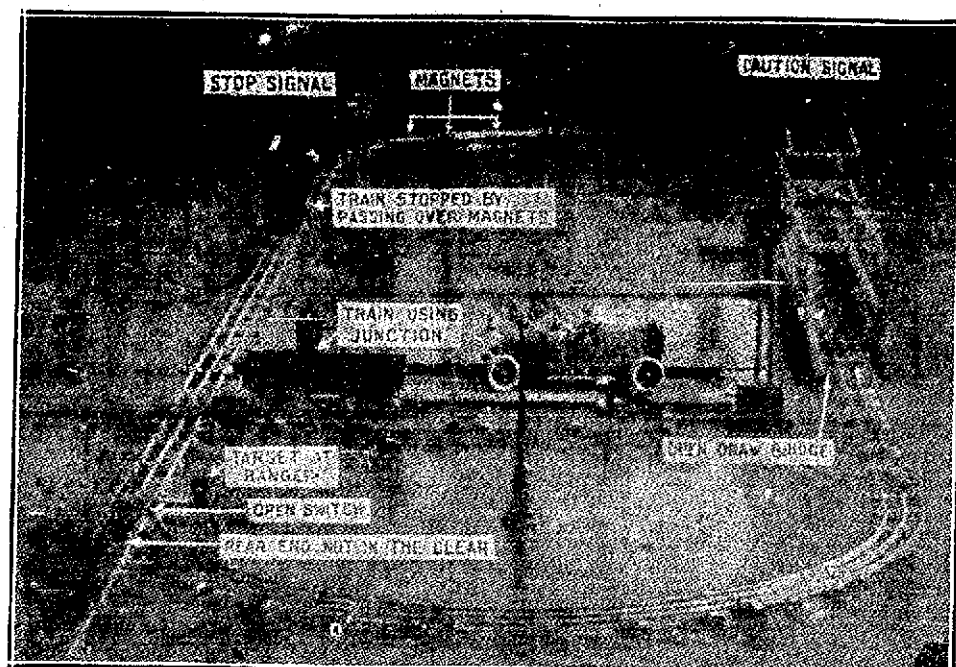
MARVELOUS INVENTION WHICH WILL PREVENT WRECKS ON RAILROADS

The latest triumph of American genius takes the form of a system of new and wonderful devices, now being shown in this city for the first time, which prevents head-on, rear-end, side-swipe, junction and crossing collisions on either steam or electric railroads, prevents trains from running into open switches, open draw bridges, broken rails, rock slides, land slides, snow slides, prevents engineers from running past danger signals and absolutely compels their obedience to running orders.

It is the result of a life time of work by Alfred Minnick, an old railroad man from Salt Lake City, combined with the electrical genius of Edmond Verestrate, the well known inventor. These two men have succeeded where four thousand other inventions have failed because all the others operate by something on the trains touching something on the tracks to cause operation of the device that stops the train. The M-V System Jumps a Four-inch Gap!

The method, briefly stated, is this: The device works with any and all of the automatic block signal systems on the railroads of the world today. If the engineer cannot see these signals by reason of smoke, fog or snow, if he disobeys them or is sick, dead or injured in the cab, the same electric influence that brings the signal to a "stop" indication is carried on up the track by a wire toward the approaching train. At a given distance, enough to stop any train no matter how heavy or fast, the M-V device is planted under the track. When the moment of danger down the track arrives, and the current goes through the M-V device, it exerts its influence up into the air over the track, through ice, snow, sand, anything. As the train rushes into this influence it pulls a little electric trigger on the train, which discharges the force of a battery on the engine that shuts off the steam or electric power and applies the air brakes automatically in the regular way, stopping the train in safety.

The M-V system is not expensive and is easy to install. At present the railroads pay up to \$3800 per mile for their signals and \$600 a year per mile to maintain them. The saving of one big wreck will provide the money with which to equip an entire railroad with this new system. More than one factory will be required and it is possible to locate one in this section of the state. Be it repeated for emphasis, The M-V System is the first complete success among 4000 failures because it does not depend on trip, ramp, third rail, cam movement or any form of touch or contact for operation. It operates on a closed circuit and disturbs no existing equipment on the railroads. Its marvelous details can only be understood by seeing the device at work, in the free demonstrations.



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- (1) The cab device was repeatedly tested at Salt Lake City with two trains over several miles of equipped track on the Salt Lake division, observed by officials of the Denver & Rio Grande, the Southern Pacific, the Union Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake with complete success. It never failed and the trains always stopped without jolt or jar.
- (2) A committee of seven heads from operating departments of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western examined the M-V device at Binghamton, N. Y., and pronounced it satisfactory.
- (3) The executive officials of the Erie railroad examined the M-V device at New York city, directed the company's expert engineers to examine it, and all endorsed it.
- (4) Members of the late Train Control Board of the Interstate Commerce Commission examined the M-V device individually and unanimously approved of it.
- (5) Several railroads examined the M-V device at Jacksonville and one road contracted to have it installed before April 1st, 1918, from Jacksonville to St. Augustine.
- (6) Thomas J. Kately, general agent of North-Western Railway, largest British road, examined M-V device in New York and approved of it.

Many other roads are now making examinations.

OPINIONS OF PRESS AND NOTED EXPERTS

"The M-V All Weather Train Controller is the only one which seems to have found the way to get a controlling influence from the track device into the engine stopping device infallibly in all kinds of weather. Good railroad men, mechanics and business men of this region are investing in this stock. The company is organized on what seems to be a fair basis—so handled that the small investor can never be frozen out."

Editorial Endicott Bulletin.

"The engines were sent toward each other at full speed but invariably stopped at a safe distance."

Salt Lake Tribune.

"It has been pronounced technically and practically invulnerable by government and railroad authorities." Electrical Experimenter.

"The M-V System has solved the problem."

Official Report to National Council of Safety.

"The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission the other day registered a demand that automatic protection for lives and property be placed on the railroads. One is now available for all kinds of track in all kinds of weather and the movement has the hearty support of the government as a war measure since not only have large numbers of soldiers been killed in the past few months in train accidents, but the government having become the country's heaviest shipper, feels the loss of millions in military freight smashed up."

Binghamton Press.

"Does not require any physical contact between engine or train and apparatus beside the track, but establishes connection with the signal system by induction from the independent of snow or ice or ballast or other obstruction."

Railroad Man's Magazine.

SIX GREAT RAILROAD INVENTIONS FOR \$100 HAVE MADE FORTUNES

All expert endorsements and all mechanical success under tests would not make a commercial triumph of this great new invention, however, unless somebody got busy and started the business of manufacture and sale. This has been done.

The two inventors and their friends, all poor men, a few weeks ago organized the M-V All-Weather Train Controller Co. for \$2,000,000 with two million shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share. They are inviting the public to become partners with them in this great new business through the purchase of these shares. They offer this to the public rather than sell out to big corporations which have offered either to buy their patents or to buy 51 percent of the stock of the company. The company as it grows is being directed by the stockholders themselves and in a short space of time they will elect the permanent officers and directors. The stockholders of this city and vicinity will elect one of their own number to serve as a director.

This makes FAIR AND HONEST METHODS certain when it is considered that the executives of the company are bonded and all its accounts audited by the New Amsterdam Casualty Co. of New York City.

The Success of this company means that every stockholder will derive a fortune from his investment. Thousands of new enterprises in the past few years have returned more than \$20,000 for every \$100 invested in any one of them.

The Six Great Railroad Inventions have produced for the Stockholders as follows:

- \$100 in Pressed Steel Car paid \$20,100.
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- \$100 in Automatic Coupler paid \$21,500.
- \$100 in Automatic Block Signal paid \$29,500.
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How many shares did you have in any one of these? None? Well, that is too bad. Are you going to miss the great opportunity in the M-V All Weather Train Controller, the Seventh Great Railroad Invention?

There are several large railroads which are negotiating to purchase equipment and some of them to save time are arranging to supply the money for the manufacture and installation of the M-V device on their roads. Two such deals come up at the next meetings of the railroads' boards of directors. The passage of one such resolution means the instant withdrawal of the stock from public offer and its increase in price to several dollars per share.

There is danger in putting off investigation and purchase of stock.

One day too late is as bad as a year!

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RUSSIA TO FIGHT

Continued

undoubtedly would compel the Germans to return to the eastern front in the past six weeks, and would make it impossible for the Germans to re-new trade relations with Russia in order to obtain much needed foodstuffs.

Snow on Western and Italian Fronts

Snow and inclement weather are holding in check any large scale of operations on the western and Italian fronts. The British and Italians continue to repulse enemy attacks at various points. While the German artillery bombardment in the Ypres and Verdun sectors still is very strong.

Increase in Ship Losses

Increased loss of merchantmen is shown in the current British and French reports. The British lost 21 vessels, including 18 of more than 1600 tons, or nine more than the previous week, when 12, including 11 of the larger tonnage, were sunk. French losses were nine steamers of more than 1600 tons, as compared with two in the previous week.

U-Boat Sinkings Increased

December shipping losses were but slightly higher than those in November, which established a low record. Submarine sinkings also are said to have been more common in December than in any previous month, being greater than the number of German submarines were able to build. Severe weather conditions are believed to have added to the effectiveness of the submarines in that they were compelled to operate closer together and nearer the shore. This fact may account in part for the increase in the number of U-boats caught by the allied fleets.

Compulsory Rationing

Great Britain will put a system of compulsory rationing into effect, as soon as the British cabinet sanctions a plan for the food control. A plan for the food control, which was announced last week, is being put into effect. Voluntary rationing under government suggestion has been in effect for many months past. Adoption of the new system is in line with the policy announced in the report of the American mission to Europe given out in Washington yesterday, which stated that Great Britain, together with France and Italy had agreed to put into effect "a legalized and compulsory control of foodstuffs."

Resumption of Hostilities Imminent

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2 (By the Associated Press).—The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the central powers that the meeting place

of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted.

The halt in the Russia-German peace negotiations and indications of a German refusal to move the conference to Stockholm have revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting with a greatly reduced army, probably three million men.

Even the most radical Bolsheviks and the most ardent peace advocates have declared that the German position is untenable and that a resumption of hostilities is imminent and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing domestic differences and is convincing Russia that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe of the Russian peace delegation today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish delegations, saying the Russian republic deems it necessary to conduct further peace negotiations on neutral soil and suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm. The telegram declared that replies to the message are expected by Russia in Petrograd.

Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms submitted Dec. 12 (Dec. 25 new style) the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-determination of nations insisted upon by the Russian peace delegation and supported by the Russian republic and the congress of workers' and soldiers' delegates.

Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms, as cables under the Brest-Litovsk date by way of Berlin Sunday, covered the ending of a state of war and evacuation of occupied territory. In article 2, however, it was declared that the German occupation of Lithuania, Poland and portions of Estonia and Livonia demand independence and separation from Russia. It also stated that the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

Kaiser Calls Leaders

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, despatches from Amsterdam and Berlin, has aroused the activities of rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Emperor William yesterday received in joint audience Chancellor von Hertling, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Gen. von Ludendorff, Finance Minister

von Roeder and Foreign Secretary von Schuler. The foreign affairs of the German bundestag discussed the Russian situation at the chancellor's palace.

Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann's return to Brest-Litovsk after a hurried visit to Berlin is said to have created surprise as did his conference with reichstag leaders who were summoned only yesterday.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam and they informed Dr. von Kuehlmann that they were despatched to the demand that the reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible.

The feature of the conference is said to have been the outspoken speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Friedrich Ebert for the official socialists and Hugo Haase for the independent socialists.

It is reported that both von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, the Hungarian foreign secretary, returned to Brest-Litovsk, where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

Differences at First Meeting

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Petrograd despatches indicate that differences developed at the first meeting there of the Russian and German commissioners for the discussion of economic relations. The Germans desired to reach an understanding with the Russians regarding regulation of railroads and trade between the two countries.

The Russian delegates refused to fix regulations without precise definition as to what classes of persons and goods the railroads were to carry.

The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, is quoted in an interview as having said that the commission which is discussing prisoners of war is taking up only the question of civilian and invalid war prisoners. He said the exchange of able bodied war prisoners could be undertaken only after the signing of peace.

A Petrograd despatch to The Post says a very large proportion of the German war prisoners and a still larger proportion of the Austrians will return to their fighting fronts only under compulsion. They have not been confined in prison camps but have lived among the people.

"Furthermore it is improbable," the despatch says, that Germany desires the return from Russia of a majority of her war prisoners. She will get back the officers and non-commissioned officers in any case. But for both Germany and Austria, the despatch continues it is a sounder policy to regard the rank and file of these men as the advance guard for commercial conquest. The correspondent adds:

"Allied diplomacy is credited with having conceded to Russia the right to make a separate peace and with endeavoring to save its face by raising the question of the return of German prisoners."

The correspondent contends that diplomacy would be better employed in obtaining a strategic position in the commercial and industrial futures of Russia.

The Petrograd correspondent of The Times says a deep impression has been made in Petrograd by the withdrawal of important French and British despatches. Many Russians regard this move as premature, believing the present state of affairs cannot last.

The military commissioner of posts and telegraphs in the northern front has sent a notice to the postal and telegraph stations that severe punishment will be inflicted on any person who transmits appeals to French or American socialists, who are characterized as "these imperialist hirelings."

Bolshevik Seize Bank

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Moscow branch of the National City bank of New York, which for several days escaped the general order for the cessation of all banks there, was seized by the Bolsheviks Saturday night. It. J. Dreher, the manager, was not arrested.

rested. The Petrograd branch expects to arrange to take care of the financial needs of American residents in a few days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—News of the Bolshevik seizure of banks in Moscow reached the state department today in diplomatic despatches which, however, made no specific mention of the National City bank's branch.

Raiding Parties Reported

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Hostile raiding parties were reported last night south and southwest of La Bassée, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Norwegian foreign office reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid (1017 tons), built in 1915 at Bergen, was torpedoed and sunk while on her way from Bari to Rosten, says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen today. Five men on the Vigrid were killed. Thirteen of the crew were rescued.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg. J. P. Donohoe, 225 Hildreth Bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone

Born on New Year's day, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donohoe, 53 Beech street, a son, Carl Robert. Mrs. Donohoe's marriage was Miss Winifred Goggin.

A storage shed to cost \$1000 will be erected by the International Steel & Wire Co. near its present plant in Middlesex street near the city. A permit for the erection of the new building was issued this morning at the office of the inspector of buildings and the permit calls for the construction of a wooden building, one story high, 100 by 20 feet.

Manuel Gousaf, residing in South street, had his right foot caught in a chain while at work in the boiler house of the Tremont & Suffolk mills and is in the hospital this morning. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell Corporation hospital.

The thawing out of water pipes in the house of W. J. Forgyas, of 53 Corbett street, which is occupied by William J. Forgyas, occasioned the sounding of an alarm from box 425, located at the corner of Stromquist avenue and Weed street, at 9.25 o'clock this morning. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done. Box 425 was recently installed and this is the first time that it was sounded.

"Through an unintentional error in The Sun's interview with Congressman Rogers yesterday, mention was made of a field clerk in the American headquarters in France. The name should have been Carney and the young man referred to is Francis E. Carney, son of Farrell Carney of 31 Pleasant street."

LOWELL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Lowell board of underwriters, held this morning, Mr. Daniel J. O'Brien was elected president, and Mr. H. C. Taft vice president. Mr. Russell Fox was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

A vote of thanks was extended to retiring president, Mr. Frank Brown Murphy, for his untiring efforts in the interest of the board.

In the interests of conservation, it was voted not to hold the annual banquet this year. Plans were discussed for a get-together supper a little later in the season with some speaker from Boston to talk to the board on some timely topic.

WOMAN MURDERED BY MAN AT ACTON

ACTON, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Gabrielle Detino, was killed by a man who entered her room while she was alone and fired four shots into her body. The police are searching for a man who boarded with the Detinos until last Saturday when their home was burned and they went to live with friends. No motive for the crime is known.

FUNERAL NOTICES

DAME.—The funeral of Henry Dame will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ambrose, 9 Alder street. A funeral mass will be said at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SCANLON.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary (Dailey) Scanlon will take place Friday morning at 8.15 o'clock from her late home, 55 Fourth street. High mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertaker Director James W. McKenna.

WILLIAMS.—Died in North Chelmsford, Jan. 3rd, Rose L. Williams, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Williams, at their home, 11 Gay street. Funeral services will be held at 11 Gay street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

There will be an anniversary mass at the Sacred Heart church Friday morning, Jan. 4, at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Mary Connolly.

FUNERALS

FAYTON.—The funeral services of Bessie Fayton took place at the home of her parents in Florida Centre yesterday, Rev. William L. Walsh, pastor of the Unitarian church of Billerica Centre, officiating. The bearers were brothers, Thomas E. and John W. Fayton. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at Fox Hill cemetery, where the burial service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Walsh. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

SWANN.—The funeral services of Fred Swann were held at the Edison cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Hugh Wallace Smith, pastor of Trinity church, Melrose. The body was placed in the receiving tomb. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

GILLIBRAND.—The funeral of Douglas Gillibrand took place Monday afternoon from the home of his parents, Ernest and Frances Gillibrand, 215 West Main street, Manchester, N. H. The services were conducted by Rev. Joseph Grannan. Burial took place in Westview cemetery under the direction of Undertaker George R. McKenna.

PRUDEN.—The funeral of Miss Ann Pruden took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of James W. McKenna, 411 Bridge street. The bearers were Messrs. William Reed, Thomas Reed, Daniel McVey and William Welch. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. James Lynch of St. Michael's church read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna in charge.

DEATHS

WOODY.—Mrs. Lois Hurd Moody, widow of Isaac Moody, died yesterday afternoon at her home in Dorset after a lingering illness, at the age of 86 years, 5 months and 10 days. Mrs. Moody was born at Togus, Me. She came to this city at the age of 16 years to reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody of Togus, Me. She was married to Mr. Isaac Moody of Dorset, Me. She was a member of the Old Orchard M.E. church. She was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend. She was a member of the Old Orchard M.E. church. She was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend. She was a member of the Old Orchard M.E. church. She was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend.

CHARTERS.—Reuben P. Charters died at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea yesterday, aged 75 years. Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, William A. Charters of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Frederick H. Sanders of Haverhill. He was a member of Post 155 G.A.R. Mr. Charters was for many years employed on the Boston & Maine railroad. His last service with that road having been in January, 1916.

WELLS.—Mrs. Louis Wells nee Adeline Patenaude, aged 74 years, died today at the home of her son, William, 19 Franklin street. She leaves her husband, two sons, William and Frank Patenaude, both of Haverhill.

LOWELL BOYS' CLUB BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY ST. ANNE'S WOLVES

The Lowell Boys' club basketball team will play St. Anne's Wolves this evening at the Boys' club hall in Dutton street, and from present indications the game will be one of the fastest seen on a local floor this season. Both teams have been practicing consistently and each quintet will present its best lineup.

GOVERNORS COUNCIL DECLINES TO CONFIRM NOMINATION OF PROF. RIPLEY

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The governor's council today declined to confirm the nomination by Gov. McCall of William Z. Ripley, professor of political economy at Harvard, as a member of the state minimum wage commission. The council in a statement said it was felt that because of the opposition of manufacturers to Prof. Ripley's appointment effective work could not be done by the board. It is believed that Prof. Ripley was a theorist.

MRS. ANNIE SHERWOOD HAWKS, AUTHOR OF "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" DEAD

BENNINGTON, Vt., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home here today at the age of 88.

While Jessie Ide of Meredith, N. H., was canvassing for the Y. M. C. A., she called on an elderly lady and asked her if she would contribute something. The old lady wanted to know what the money would be used for and when told said she did not know there was a war. She explained that she never read a newspaper, had few calls and none of them had mentioned the war.

FIRE AT TREMONT AND SUFFOLK MILLS

The members of Hose 8 in Merrimack street were called to the new building of the Tremont & Suffolk mills at the end of Tremont street at 5.15 o'clock this morning to extinguish a fire in some stabling which is being used for the erection of a tunnel from the new mill to one of the other buildings. The stabling was covered with burlap to keep the place from freezing and in some unaccountable manner a fire was started. The watchman on the job rushed to the engine house and when the firemen reached the scene it took but a few minutes to extinguish the blaze.

Street Car on Fire

A still alarm at 7.52 o'clock this morning brought the members of Engine 3 to the corner of Merrimack and Shattuck streets where a heater in one of the cars of the Bay State street railway got afire. The fire was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The arrival of several cars of coal for the local power plant of the Bay State Street Railway Co. is certainly good news to the Lowell public, and according to a report from the local fire department there is more on the way. At the present time there is a supply of coal which will last for at least two and one-half weeks and there is more to come.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

Two more contributions have been received by Mayor James E. O'Donnell for the Massachusetts Halifax relief fund, one from Joseph Harrison of Salem, and another from the Sunday school of the Unitarian church, amounting to \$20.14.

ELECTION EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Nowell F. Putnam, who was defeated for commissioner at the recent city election has filed his expense account with the city clerk. For the nominal \$500 he expended \$125.60 and for election, \$55.60.

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At Providence: Providence 1, Worcester 0. (Six periods).
At Worcester: Worcester 1, Lowell 0.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 2.—Providence defeated Lawrence last night, 1 to 0, in one of the greatest polo games ever played. The game went into the third extra period, without a score. Kehoe scored the goal after one hour, 15 minutes and 35 seconds or 23 minutes, 35 seconds overtime. It established a new record in roller polo.

POLO NOTES

Capt. Hardy, "Lightning" Bill Dugan, and members of the Lawrence polo team, will invade the Rollaway rink tomorrow night to do battle with the Harkins-Griffith combination, and a battle, in every way that the word implies, is in prospect. Lawrence and Lowell have been rivals since they became municipalities and now, with the polo teams of both "barges" fighting for supremacy in the American Roller polo league the rivalry is intense. To date, Lowell has put it on to their friends from down below, but the last few games have demonstrated that the teams are pretty evenly matched. On Monday night Lawrence triumphed Lowell by the score of 2 to 1. Lowell players claim the winners were aided by the presence of a home crowd as referees from down below, tomorrow night Jessa Burkett will officiate.



SPECIAL BIG NEW YEAR BILL

Matinee 2—TODAY—Evening 7:30

"Mrs. Ritter Appears"

A Comedy by George Kelly

BURNS & FRABITO

"SHOOT"

McMahon, Diamond & Chaplow

In "THE RAG DOLL"

Morris & Campbell

"THE AVIATEUR"

Jennie Middleton

The Charming Violinist

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In a Dazzling Diamond Act

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ALICE JOYCE & HARRY MOREY in "HER SECRET"

In Which the Past Catches Up Its Head and After the Years Admires the Flame.

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Sessue Hayakawa, the Jap. Actor, in "The Soul of Kura-San."

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Youngest and most famous of Charles Frohman's stage stars, supported by the original Frohman all-star cast in

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late and the team that loses out cannot blame the defeat on a horse referee. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

Before the big game tomorrow night, Lowell and Worcester teams will clash. One is coming up from Lawrence while the other will be composed of Lowell boys. They will go to it at 7:30 o'clock.

We don't know Keaveny's ability as a referee, but as for the champion bouquet thrower of the universe (in his own behalf), just listen to this from the column which Mr. Keaveny edits and conducts. He extracts the following from "The Lowell Sun," regarding himself: "Ben Keaveny, of Lawrence who gave such complete satisfaction in the Worcester-Lowell game here Christmas night, will officiate tonight. Keaveny is a sporting writer on one of the Lawrence papers and was polo man of the A. C. As an announcer few in the country have anything on Benjamin."—Portland Express and Advertiser.

Freddie Harkins and Griffith, of the Lowell club, are two of the best goal keepers in the league. Harkins is considered one of the craftiest players in the game today, and he is still a very fast man on the rollers.—Lawrence Telegram.

Corp. Bill Duggan, now at Camp Devens, will appear in the Lawrence lineup tomorrow night.

"BEST DOINGS" BY BOWLERS IN THE CITY MINOR LEAGUE LAST EVENING

The Kittredges and the Spindle City quintet had at it in the City Minor league last night and the former captured three of the four points, being defeated in the second string by seven pins. Davis of the winning team was high man with a total of 321. The game between the Machinists' Helpers and the Machinists resulted in the latter team taking all four points.

KITTREDGES

Riley	97	50	109	296
Kirane	86	52	102	270
Davis	101	77	91	271
Curran	103	120	90	321
Totals	591	479	503	1479

SPINDLE CITY

Blanchard	83	51	81	280
Lemier	83	102	85	280
Low	96	80	80	276
Dellie	101	101	82	282
Damarche	87	93	100	280
Totals	457	482	455	1594

MACHINISTS' HELPERS

Reynolds	81	95	82	258
Conway	81	73	75	234
Houston	82	79	69	231
Payton	76	77	69	224
Cox	96	85	88	279
Totals	418	428	414	1290

MACHINISTS

Conway	100	90	99	289
Gilbo	86	111	92	289
Phillips	82	77	64	223
Myrlano	87	112	92	291
Cassidy	99	104	92	295
Totals	455	498	440	1393

CONTRACTS SENT TO GIANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—No "war clause" whereby the owners will be relieved of their contractual obligations in the event that the baseball season is

STANDARD

CONTINUOUS REMOVAL

TODAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Metro Presents

FRANCIS X.

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—AND—

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IN SIX ACTS

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CAPRICE

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not finished, is contained in the contracts sent to players reserved by the New York League club, it was learned today.

Contracts have been sent to all players on the Giant roster, including those likely to be called in the draft, with the exception of Capt. Herzog. His contract has a year to run.

CANCELED BIG TRACK MEET

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The annual indoor track and field meet of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic association, which was to be held this winter, according to an announcement today by Romyen Berry of the graduate advisory committee of the organization, the outdoor meet will be held as usual. Mr. Berry said, probably on May 31 and June 1.

PITNEY BABE WINS AT THE BIG BOSTON DOG SHOW HELD JANUARY 1

The little toy poodle Pitney Babe, of 37 Kirk street, met with success at the Eastern Dog show held at Mechanics hall, Boston, Jan. 1, winning two blue ribbons, the best winners and a special. This little dog is owned by Willie A. Brackett and she has 135 ribbons and cash prizes and valuable silver cups that this dog has won.

MATRIMONIAL

John L. Judd and Miss Zelma E. Judd were married Tuesday by Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher. The couple will make their home in this city.

Morrison—Hazelton

Leslie R. Morrison of this city and Miss Marion G. Hazelton of Tyngsboro were married Tuesday by Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher.

Caswell—Dufresne

Elmer C. Caswell and Miss Marie Reginald Dufresne were married Tuesday by Rev. Dr. C. E. Fisher. The couple were attended by their respective fathers.

Lang—Gilmore

Arthur W. Lang and Mrs. Helen M. Gilmore were married Tuesday at the home of the bridegroom, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Charles H. moon trip the couple will make their home at 18 Lipton street.

Jodoin—Renard

Hector R. Jodoin and Miss Blanche Marie Renard were married Tuesday at the home of the bridegroom, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Charles H. moon trip the couple will make their home at 18 Lipton street.

Markee—Brown

Henry E. Markee and Mrs. Cora I. Brown were married last evening at the residence of the bridegroom, the officiating clergyman being Rev. A. G. Lyon. The couple were unattended.

Flood—Cromey

Henry Flood and Miss Sabina Cromey were married last evening at the home of the bridegroom, the officiating clergyman being Rev. A. G. Lyon. The couple were unattended.

Currie—Coyne

The marriage of Patrick J. Currie and Mrs. Mary F. Coyne took place at the Sacred Heart rectory Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O.

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Junior Holy Name Society

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MERRIMACK SO THEATRE

TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

WALLACE REID In

"NAN OF MUSIC MOUNTAIN"

How would you like to be married in the snow? You would if it were The Girl, wouldn't you?

Harry Carey in "Bucking Broadway"

See the remarkable fictive encounters in this play.

Charlie Chaplin in "The Adventurer"

Don't miss this one; it's a corker

Other Plays—Continuous Performances

SUNDAY—BIG DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

POLO

—AT—

TOMORROW NIGHT

Lawrence vs. Lowell

Game called at 8:30. Jessa Burkett will referee.

AMATEUR GAME AT 7:30

THE BEST DRAMA OFFERED IN THIS CITY IN YEARS—IT HAS TAKEN LOWELL BY STORM—YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT.

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The activities of the Watch and Ward society of Boston were brought to the attention of Judge Enright at this morning's session of the police court. During the past few months members of the society have been making the rounds and successfully gathering in a number of storekeepers who had gaming implements of various descriptions, including punch boards, slot machines and other games of chance.

HEARING BY INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

The case of Mrs. Catherine Lord vs. the city of Lowell, an action for compensation under the workman's compensation act, was heard by the Industrial Accident Board this morning.

PROTESTS CROSSING OF U.S. TROOPS INTO MEXICO

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 3.—The Mexican government, it was learned here today, has protested against the crossing of American troops into Mexico in pursuit of bandits. The protest is particularly directed at the crossing recently by Texas rangers and American cavalry at the Rio Grande, about 10 miles above Eagle Pass.

STORM WARNINGS ISSUED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Another cold wave sweeping down from the Canadian northwest was today centered over the Ohio valley and western Tennessee. A storm was reported some distance west of the Ohio coast, and a storm warning was issued from Eastport, Me., to Hatteras, N. C.

MAN HELD AS SPY WAS LIBRARIAN FOR LATE ARCHDUKE FERDINAND

BELINGERS, Mont., Jan. 3.—F. X. Hallenburger, who is held here today on a technical charge pending investigation of alleged violation of the espionage act, said that at one time he was librarian in the household of the late Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, whose assassination at Sarajevo is assigned as one of the causes of the world war.

UNABLE TO SECURE COAL FOR EDISON PLANT IN WEST ORANGE, N. J.

ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 3.—Efforts to provide fuel for the operation of the Edison power plant in West Orange today failed and officials of the company said it probably would be necessary to continue suspension of work until the end of the week.

McCALL INAUGURATED

Continued

States must concentrate all its resources to win the war, but that this country ought not to refuse to give attention to any honest proposal for peace.

"In time of war," said Gov. McCall, "there is danger of the deterioration of those institutions of government which are the glory of peaceful times and which are superseded by a rule military in character. War has little tolerance for freedom. We must see to it that it shall leave no permanent trace of its autocratic methods and take nothing from the body of our liberties."

Concentrate All Resources to Win

"But we are in the war and we must have it with no divided energy of the nation. We must concentrate all our resources in order to win it and we must surely not be led to waste in the least our preparations by any kind of peace proposal."

"Do I mean that we should not think of peace and not be ever ready to seek a righteous peace in any kind of way? By no means. It would be better to consider an offer of peace, even fraudulent, than to refuse to give attention to an honest proposal."

What We Are Fighting For

"Each one of us is a member of our great democracy and it is our duty to keep clearly in mind the objects for which we are fighting. Every week of this war entails a loss of life and property more serious than the cost of entire wars accounted for by history. The ultimate end is to secure the peace of the world and we must keep ever before us so that we may not share in the colossal crime of the architects of the war by prolonging its evil course an instant after that peace has been secured."

"When our adversary states particular terms, when he puts himself in the way with us, our thoughts should be to consider the shape in response and not phrase ourselves in vague even if noble generalizations, which, however much they may do honor to our moral nature are for the purpose of the occasion wholly meaningless and negative and carry nothing from one nation to another. If an enemy fairly tells us what he will give and it is so little, let us take it and we will accept it with wisdom we may make ourselves responsible for the further drifting of the universe and for the continued deepening of the money paid out to the injured workers under the workman's compensation act, Gov. McCall agreed that safeguards against accidents should be provided for the protection of their patrons, should be permitted to receive fees for this service at a rate of four which would pay the cost of rendering it.

Other recommendations were for a law to enable soldiers and sailors to vote while out of the state; that attendance at continuation schools be made compulsory for pupils in the upper grades; that the state should work for action to improve the character of physical training in the schools and for a study of the question of the industrial education of men injured in the service.

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED WARRIORS wanted at once. McKenquid Mills.

SALESMEN wanted for central and southern New England. For proposition of unexcelled merit. Live wages make \$100 and over weekly. Address: W. J. Hughes, Harrisonia, Mass., 100 Cambridge st.

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SALESLADY wanted; with good education and honest and polite. Apply Middlesex Service Bureau, 373 Middlesex st., corner High st., Lowell.

2 GOOD STOCK SALESMAN wanted. M. V.

LOWELL MEN GET GOOD APPOINTMENTS

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 3.—Lowell representatives at the general court of 1918 were favored with a number of the most important assignments in the appointment of legislative committees yesterday. A majority of them were appointed to so-called major committees and four members drew chairmanships.

Rep. Henry Achin, Jr., was again selected as house chairman of the committee on federal relations, considered a most important committee this session because of the fact that the bills relating to the ratification of the federal prohibition amendment will be acted on by that body, and was also reappointed to the committee on military affairs, which likewise is looked upon as a major committee because of the present war.

Senator Arthur W. Colburn, last year ranking member of the committee on agriculture, now holds the chairmanship of his old place on roads and bridges and a place on fisheries and game in place of engrossed bills of last year.

The chairmanship of the committee on social welfare, which will act on all bills which may grow from the social legislation recommendations of

Governor McCall, is now held by Senator James of Reading, and Rep. Dennis A. Murphy of Lowell was rewarded for good work on the ways and means committee last year by reappointment.

Rep. Victor Francis Jewett of Lowell, according to his own request, retains his chairmanship of railroads and membership on the committee on rules.

HOYT.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER HARRIS IS OPPOSED TO SALE OF SOLDIER'S LOT

A regular meeting of the members of the cemetery commissioners was held late yesterday afternoon in the mayor's reception room at city hall with Chairman Rigby in the chair. The matter of spending the sum of \$19,000 which represents interest on perpetual care money, for the purchase of additional land for the cemetery was discussed at length, but no action was taken.

Frank B. Flanders, custodian of soldiers and sailors' graves was heard relative to the monument which is over the grave of Richard Unsworth, a Civil war soldier. Mr. Flanders said the monument was erected to the memory of the deceased soldier, although it is believed to be over only a part of his grave, and he felt that the monument should be removed. Chairman Rigby was instructed to get all the particulars possible from the owners of the lot and report to the board. Mr. Flanders also reported that

there are at least 20 lots in the Edison cemetery, where soldiers are buried and which are in neglected condition. He recommended the sale of the lots under the condition that they be cared for by the purchasers. Mr. Taylor moved that the cemetery department be authorized to sell the lots with limitations. The motion was passed. Mr. Harris voting against on the ground that he has always been against selling a soldier's lot.

Mr. Taylor announced that there is to the credit of the department the sum of \$19,844.02, money accumulated from interest, and he opposed the turning over of that money in the city treasury. Mr. Harris argued that according to the law creating the cemetery commission all the income of cemetery goes to the support of cemeteries. Mr. Taylor felt that the money should be kept in savings banks at 4 per cent. interest, but Mr. Harris said that he didn't think that the carrying on of cemeteries should be a money-making scheme and he believed the income should be spent.

When the time is coming when the interest on the capital funds must be used to purchase additional ground for the cemetery, Mr. Harris said he believed the city will have to purchase the additional land, but he was informed by Mr. Taylor that the city will never appropriate one cent to buy land. The discussion went on for some time but no action was taken and finally the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

ALBERT GUILBAULT, HERO

Had it not been for Albert Guilbault, a prominent member of the C.M.A.C. it is probable that Kristos Pavlou, the man who fired a pistol shot in Market street New Year's morning would have made his escape, for it was Guilbault who grappled with him in Merrimack street and after throwing him to the ground, relieved him of his revolver. Guilbault was returning from the second performance at Keith's theatre when he saw the man running in Merrimack street near Suffolk street. After Pavlou had been disarmed he was turned over to the police by Guilbault.

A SUCCESSFUL REMEDY

All things succeed which really deserve to, which fill a real need, which prove their worth. The fact that the famous old root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, has for three generations been relieving women of this country from the worst forms of female life and has won such a strong place in our American homes proves its merit beyond the question of a doubt. It will well pay any woman who is in need of such a medicine to try it.

Patrick J. Reynolds

Attorney-at-Law

Offices 518 Hildreth Building

DESCRIBES GREAT FRENCH VICTORY

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 2. (By the Associated Press.)—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a nearby hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in.

"It was a record-making fight in many respects," he declared. "Just think, the French took more prisoners than they had men engaged, which is among the records in military annals. They also captured their first Austrian prisoners."

French Lost Less Than 50 Men

"In addition to the 1400 prisoners we counted 500 dead on the ground and no one knows how many more were in the trench and under bridges. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than 50 men."

The 50th Austrian division is considered a good fighting organization but the Austrians were accustomed to fighting Russians and Rumanians and this was the first time they had met the highly trained French troops. The result was that rawness and indiscipline were swept away before discipline and training.

Austrians Cheer French

"When the captured officers were lined up there were 42 Austrians and two Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual treatment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told plainly that they would receive only the same treatment given French officers in Germany. A little later we heard the Austrian soldiers cheering and it turned out they were cheering their French captors."

The spirit and enthusiasm of the French troops as they leaped into the enemy trenches are beyond all praise. Their eagerness not only carried them into the trenches but some detachments kept on going until they reached the upper plateau. They could have held this advanced position, but it would have meant a reorganizing defenses so the impetuous detachments were ordered to retire."

LOWELL MAN OBJECTS TO APPOINTMENT

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 3.—Capt. William P. White of the Lowell Paper Tube corporation was one of those who appeared before the governor and council yesterday afternoon in opposition to confirmation of Prof. William Z. Ripley of Newton to be a member of the minimum wage commission, in place of Prof. Arthur N. Holcombe, whose term has expired.

Capt. White based his opposition upon the contention that in making his selection, Governor McCall should have chosen a man who would not be distasteful to either side. "This commission," he said, "deals intimately and exclusively with the relations of capital and labor. Recognizing that fact, the legislature has decreed that one of its members shall be representative of manufacturers and another a representative of labor; the third member should be a man capable of maintaining an absolute balance between the two, a man against whom neither side has any objection. To place on the commission a member opposed by either faction is an ineffectiveness of the commission, because it will no longer have the confidence of the offended faction."

William D. Greener, representing the laundry owners' association, declared that eighteen months ago Governor McCall promised to appoint no more theorists on the commission. He said the promise was made in connection with the appointment of Mabel Gillette as the workers' representative on the commission, and in order to get that appointment confirmed, he said, the governor made the promise in respect to Prof. Holcombe. Governor McCall denied any recollection of such a promise.

HOYT.

GARY SYSTEM ORDERED OUT BY HYLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Elimination of the so-called "Gary plan" from the public school system of New York City was ordered by Mayor Hylan in addressing the seven members of the new board of education, which yesterday assumed their duties. He said the

plan was "imported" by the previous administration and became a political issue "because holders of political office sought by use of the board for their political authority and by control of the minds of the city to dictate school policies."

The mayor said he had been advised by school superintendents that the Gary plan of operation could be eliminated in many, if not all, of the city's schools by the first of February.

MEISSAC DECLINES TO ACCEPT POSITION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Asst. Dist. Atty. Daniel V. Meissac declined last night the second offer from Mayor Curley of the position of corporation counsel, and announced his intention to resign his present position Feb. 1, to enter the private practice of law.

Mayor Curley nominated Mr. Meissac for corporation counsel in November, and the civil service commission, at the end of the 30-day period allowed for his consideration, asked the mayor to send in the name a second time, in order that a further opportunity might be afforded for examining the qualifications of the nominee.

TO INVESTIGATE ALL PRIVATE BANKS

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Bank Commissioner Thorndike recommends to the legislature that a law be enacted requiring proprietors of private banks to notify depositors that their institution is not under the supervision of the state commissioner and also asks for authority to investigate these institutions. He further recommends that no more state banks be chartered and that existing ones be placed under the laws relating to trust companies.

Mr. Thorndike also favors a reciprocal law exempting from taxation savings bank deposits in this state of persons living in other states, provided the laws of these states extend the same privilege to residents of Massachusetts.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CLINIC

Miss Elizabeth Holway, who has been chosen as the first of the Worcester district for infantile paralysis clinics under the auspices of the Harvard infantile paralysis commission, will leave for the hospital for the purpose of arranging a date with the board of health for a clinic to be held here in the near future.

During her stay at city hall Miss Holway stated that she was giving up her infantile paralysis work to go into a broader field, that of reconstruction work in the army. She will take care of wounded soldiers returning from the war zone. Miss Holway stated that she was assigned to some reconstruction hospital in Canada. Accompanying Miss Holway this morning was her successor, Miss Rhea Harrisman, a graduate of the Lowell General Hospital.

MEN RUSH TO ENROLL ON NEW TRAINING SHIPS FOR MERCHANT MARINE

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The recruiting headquarters of the United States shipping board here announced today that men who were anxious to serve in the new merchant marine but who could not qualify for enrollment in government training schools in the last few months because they had no previous sea experience were now coming forward in good numbers for enrollment on the new training ships for inexperienced men. The men are coming from many walks of life and from all parts of the country.

MORE QUESTIONNAIRES

The exemption board of division 2 at city hall sent out this morning questionnaires to men whose order numbers are from 2231 to 2281 inclusive, which means that the recipients of the papers have until Jan. 10 to fill and file their papers.

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Brig. Gen. John A. Johnson, commander of the department of the northeast has endorsed plans laid before him by officials of Boston university for providing the largest amount of war training possible at the institution. He has recommended to the war department the acceptance of the offer of the university to provide special training courses for both men and women with the possible establishment of a student regiment.

THREE OFFICIALS AND ENGINEER OF NASHVILLE ROAD INDICTED

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—Three officials and an engineer of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company yesterday were indicted by the Bulfinch county grand jury on the charge of crooked and maintaining a common nuisance, in connection with a collision between passenger trains here December 26, in which more than 40 persons were injured.

"We regret," says a report accompanying the indictments, "to learn our

SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN NEXT MONDAY

The public schools of Lowell will reopen next Monday after a Christmas vacation of two weeks. It was at first intended to reopen the schools yesterday, but at the suggestion of Fuel Administrator Storrow, the vacation was extended until next Monday as a coal conservation measure. As a result of the extension the fire in the 52 school buildings were allowed to go out and tomorrow has been set as the day to renew the fires.

This morning the 52 janitors were called to city hall by Attendance Officer William F. Thornton, who gave them a brief talk on how to proceed with the rebuilding of fires. Mr. Thornton advised his listeners to be careful about their work and for the first 24 hours to be sure that the thermometer does not register over 35 degrees, and later to increase the heat gradually. He also advised them to make a general inspection of all the water pipes in the buildings before starting the fires.

EFFECT OF WAR ON FOREIGN COMMERCE OF BOSTON PORT SHOWN IN REPORT

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The effect of the war upon the foreign commerce of this port is shown in statistics just issued from the custom house. During last year only 933 vessels arrived from overseas as compared with 1241 for the previous year. Passenger arrivals fell off from 21,203 to 9553.

4000 GERMAN MINES SWEEPED UP BY BRITISH TRAWLERS IN YEAR

LONDON, Jan. 3.—During the past year 1900 trawlers, which are used as mine sweepers around the British Isles, have swept an average of 3000 German mines daily. During the year they swept up 4000 German mines.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS CLOSED

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Forty-three public schools in this city failed to open yesterday after the Christmas vacation as a result of the continuing cold and lack of fuel. About 25,000 pupils are affected.

Only about half of the city's streets are being plowed. During the last night, in order to supply households.

ANGLO-AMERICAN EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The marquis of Crewe, former lord president of the council, the Daily Express says, has coaxed his London home to the government for a national purpose. The house will be used, it is said, as the official headquarters of the British mission to the United States, thus becoming a great Anglo-American exchange devoted to the united work of the two countries.

PROTEST ORDER-IN-COUNCIL

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—Sir Lomer Gouin, attorney general of the Province of Quebec has passed an order-in-council in which the executive council of this province strongly protests against the order-in-council recently passed by the Dominion government that specifically required that all provincial, municipal and private notations be first approved by the federal authorities.

The Quebec order-in-council informs the government of Canada that it is the opinion of the Quebec government to consider the regulations as illegal, unconstitutional and no wise binding upon the Province of Quebec.

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CONSTABLE HELD AS HEAD OF "AUTO GANG"

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 3.—More alleged members of the Howard Crow automobile gang, which stole stolen machines in Boston, were in court yesterday.

John Graham, formerly of Boston, is now serving five years at Cranston. Thomas H. Hughes, a constable, was held in \$30,000 on 10 indictments. They charge he stole an automobile valued at \$315, belonging to George F. Taylor; one valued at \$550, owned by Samuel Dashoff; that he received an automobile stolen from Philias Goyette; that he tendered a receipt for \$250 to Floyd A. Brainerd, purporting to have been signed by Lester Hayes; that he conspired with others to defraud two insurance companies in connection with stolen automobiles.

It is claimed that Hughes was one of the ringleaders in the Crow raid on automobiles last night in the city.

Simon D. Strauss pleaded not guilty of conspiracy. He was indicted with Morris Bookbinder. Strauss was held for trial under \$1500. They were arrested on automobile insurance fraud charges.

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